

February 2012

To All the Residents of Selma,

How about this number? 758, that's right, 758 runners in just our Second Annual Selma/Schertz 5K Run. Easily doubling last year's number. The race was an overwhelming success from start to finish. Organized by our own Texas Physical Therapy, (located in the Forum) the race started and finished at the Blue Bonnet Palace. Runners enjoyed plenty of food and beverage donated by many local businesses. Live and "DJ" music was provided and all enjoyed the entertainment provided during and after the race. Selma's major donors were Academy Sports & Outdoors, Orange Leaf Yogurt, Blue Bonnet Palace, Texas Physical Therapy and your very own Selma Police & Fire Departments; Thank to you all for donating and running for a great cause, "Operation Comfort". Also, a huge thanks goes out to your City Staff working with our Sister City Schertz, Texas Physical Therapy, our military members and their families and all who worked together to make this event truly wonderful. I know that many are looking forward to other events that will be organized for the rest of the year. Keep enjoying the mild winter. Very soon Spring Break will be upon us. Stay safe and enjoy your families.

Sincerely,
Mayor Tom Daly

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:

Joseph Armstrong - Forest Creek Alan	Alva - Retama Ridge
Gary & Lisa Klein - Forest Creek	Timothy Pitstick - Retama Ridge
Todd Wallace - Live Oak Hills	Carl Beard - Forest Creek
Clint Conway - Retama West	Mark Hoerner - Kensington Ranch
Sabria Epps - Live Oak Hills	Rose Hutchinson - Retama Springs
Agayomi Ajasin - Retama Springs Michael	Stanley Live Oak Hills
Joaquin & Cathy Meris - Olympia Hills	James Schafer - Kensington Ranch

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.

EDWARDS AQUIFER 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 we 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 is then forwarded to the EAA. Starting in June, the new rate for the EAA management fee will be \$0.2578 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.

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.

CLEAN-UP EVENT ON FEBRUARY 20TH The Parks & Recreation Commission has scheduled a clean-up event on February 20th at the Stage Stop Park. All interested volunteers are welcome! Thanks to all the volunteers who participated at the last clean-up event, on MLK Day: Richard Hamilton, Julia Hadas, Dylan Hadas, Joshua Silva, the Mayor, Jim and Madeline Burdett, and Rusty Riley from the North Central Rotary Club.

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 also states your desire for serving on this Commission to City Hall.

SELMA HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE - The City has developed a Facebook Page as another avenue to engaging and communicating 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!

WE REMAIN IN "STAGE I" WATER RESTRICTIONS - 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.

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 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 February 9, 2012

Citizens to be Heard: Mrs. Madeline Burdett spoke to the fact that there will be a presentation at the Schertz Library on 29 February at 6:30 P.M. on the history of Selma.

Presented a 20 Year Service Plaque to Ms. Barbra Meier

Presented a Five Year Service Plaque to Warrant Officer Cliff Ellison

- Approved the Minutes of the January 12, 2012 Council Meeting.
- Received an Operational Update from the management of Retama Race Track
- Appointed Mr. Thomas Brotherman to the Selma Historical Commission.
- Signed a contract with Guadalupe County for Election Administration for the May 12th General/Special Election.
- Ordered an Election on May 12th for the positions of mayor and two Council Seats.
- Ordered a Special Election for May 12, 2012 to continue the ¼ cent Sales Tax for road repair
- Approved the plat for Retama West, Unit Five
- Approved a plat establishing GT Properties off of FM 1518.
- Approved a variance for a new sign at Kent Power Sports.
- Passed a Resolution establishing intent to reimburse the City for expenditures associated with the formation of the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation.
- Accepted an offer from the San Antonio Water System of \$10,000 for an easement on City Property for one of their water lines.
- Held an annual review of Ken Roberts performance as City Administrator.

CITY OFFICES TO BE CLOSED
FEBRUARY 20, 2012
IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT'S DAY

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:
March 8, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.