

# THE CITY OF SELMA OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

**“A unique City that leads through providing planned growth, quality of life,  
a safe environment, and a vision for the future.”**



## Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

*This Newsletter is designed to provide citizens of Selma with information about our City and City Government. News items are always welcomed and may be forwarded to Newsletter, City of Selma, 9375 Corporate Drive, Selma, TX 78154.*

Here's hoping you all had a safe and fulfilling Thanksgiving. The weather has definitely caused a little chaos for many of us. So I hope you have used caution when dealing with difficult elements over the past few weeks.

I'm sure everyone is wondering about the installation of the traffic lights on Lookout Road. Due to the extensive construction on IH 35, we have delayed the installation for a brief period so that our residents don't face construction woes on both north-south corridors of our City.

The good news is that some the work on IH 35 and the bridge into the Forum have been completed. This should be a big plus for our business citizens in the Forum. We were blessed at the December Council Meeting with having the OLPH Choir sing Christmas songs. The largest blessing came in the form of having the opportunity to present commendations and medals to our two Police Officers that were shot back in September. Officer Kierum and Corporal Balderamas are still recuperating from their wounds. Live Oak Corporal Frank Lara was also commended for his service in securing the scene and assisting our two wounded officers before other help arrived. A tremendous thank you from myself and the grateful community that they serve.

Finally, from myself, my wife Yvonne and children Katy & T.J., along with your City Council and City Staff, we wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy, have fun and be safe.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Tom Daly

### Elected Officials

Tom Daly, Mayor  
Office Ph. 651-7804  
mayor@ci.selma.tx.us

Jose Silva  
Councilman  
Ph. 364-3324

Phill Swinney  
Councilman  
Ph. 488-5573

Kevin Hadas  
Councilman  
Ph. 383-3093

Ken Harris  
Mayor Pro-Tem  
Ph. 651-5617

Charles Eads  
Councilman  
Ph. 945-8035



## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:

Sedgrick Williams - FM 1518  
 Linda Augero – Forest Creek  
 Emily & Brett Kubat – Retama Springs  
 Castle Walker LLC/Dixon Walker – Retama Springs  
 Krystal Watson – Forest Creek  
 Michael Kile – Retama Springs  
 Johnathan & Deanna Byrd – Retama Springs

## 2014 Municipal election filing dates

2014 will have three offices up for election. The Mayor and two Council Members will be on the ballot. The State of Texas has altered the filing dates as follows; January 29<sup>th</sup> – first date to file for office, February 28<sup>th</sup> last day to file for office. Packets to file for office will be available from the Assistant City Secretary.

## HOMESERVE

You may be receiving a solicitation from HOMESERVE offering you additional homeowner insurance to cover such things as water main breaks, sewer line failures and other “non-standard” items not covered in your current policy. This is not a City sponsored or endorsed solicitation! This is like any other offering you may receive in the mail. You have to make your own evaluation and decision on the purchase of additional insurance.

## PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL 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. If you choose to have your bank make these payments be advised that not all banks process these payments in a timely manner. In some cases that delay in receipt causes the utility customer to incur a late fee.

### CITY STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

Ken Roberts, City Administrator, Ph. 651-7824  
 Syd Hall, Police Chief, Ph. 651-5368  
 Ric Braun, Fire Chief, Ph. 651-7831  
 Water Department, Ph. 651-7807  
 Dispatch, Ph. 653-0033  
 Emergency: 911

Milton Ganz – Live Oak Hills  
 Stacie Leonardo – Kensington Ranch  
 Nikki & Josh Urekar  
 Jose Uriegas – Retama Springs  
 Benjamin Guerrero – Kensington Ranch  
 Kathryn Odom – Retama Springs  
 Joshua & Allyssa Freeman – Forest Creek



## River City Community Church Mother’s Day Out Program

The Mother’s Day Out (MDO) two-day-a-week preschool program at River City Community Church is now enrolling for their 2014 January – May program. For kids ages 1-5, this is an affordable opportunity to learn and play in a safe Christian environment allowing parents to meet personal family needs in regular blocks of time. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 2pm River City’s MDO program offers age-appropriate Bible lessons, music, and learning activities. For more information and to enroll your child, go to [reallife.org/mdo](http://reallife.org/mdo) or call (210) 490-5262.

**CHIPPER SERVICE** is provided to residents free of charge during the first week of every month. If you would like to add your address to the monthly chipper service list, please call 210.651.1036. 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.

## SELMA HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE!

Visit the Selma FB Page to look for the latest updates, photos, and special events happening in Selma. Search “City of Selma, Texas,” look for the City logo and hit the “Like” button!



## Reporting after hours minor emergencies; Emergency contact numbers



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

limbs in the right-of-way. Live Oak Dispatch will then get the on-call Public Works Employee to respond.

Selma has a call back (some call it Reverse 911) system that is utilized to inform neighborhoods or the entire City should some natu-

ral 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 cellular service since you signed for utility service, we ask that you call 651-7807 and update your phone contact information.

## SEWER RATES & SEWER AVERAGING

As another reminder, Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority is raising their base sewer rate from the current \$2.50 to \$2.74 per month. You will see the increase on your January 2014 billing. Also, the period for sewer averaging will begin as in years past from November through February. Your water usage during this time period will determine your charge for sewer service in the coming year. We use the winter months for sewer averaging to ensure that landscape watering is not included for this charge.

## STREET SWEEPER SERVICE

The City's street sweeper will be following this monthly route schedule in our subdivisions:

Olympia & Forest Creek – First Week of the Month  
 Selma Park Estates & Chelsea Crossing – Week Two  
 Retama Ridge & Retama Springs – Week Three  
 Live Oak Hills & Kensington 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.

## RECAP OF THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2013

- Corporal Jesse Balderamas and Officer Tiffany Kierum were presented with Medals of Commendation and Valor for their service after both were injured while responding to a domestic disturbance call. They also received Letters of Commendation from Congressman Henry Cuellar. Live Oak Corporal Frank Lara was commended for his bravery as the first responder after the Selma Officers were shot and secured the suspect and the scene until other help arrived.
- Holiday Music was provided by the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Children's Choir.
- Accepted the Minutes of the Public Hearing and Council Meeting of November 14, 2013.
- Passed Ordinance Number 121213-01 to create the Selma Cultural Parks Commission and to eliminate the Selma Historical and Parks and recreation Commissions effective June 30, 2014
- Passed ordinance Number 121213-02 granting a Franchise Agreement to City Public Service for the provision of gas and electric to the City of Selma.
- Adopted Deed Restrictions on a City-Owned lot in Live Oak Hills Subdivision for the provision of drainage in connection with the improvements to Rhodius, Capri and Albrecht Lanes.
- Awarded a contract for the purchase and installation of a traffic signal light at the intersection Olympia Parkway, Medusa and Agora Parkway.

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The City Council  
Regular Meeting is  
the Second Thursday  
of each Month

*Recap of the Selma City Council Meeting of December 12, 2013  
continued*

- Citizens to be Heard - Mrs. Madeline Burdette spoke to her opposition to the name of the Selma Cultural Parks Commission. Mrs. Burdette stated that the word historical should be included in any City Commission that would make future recommendations on any parkland that has a historical structure on it.

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website

**City Offices will be closed 23-25 December  
for Christmas and 30 December through January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's.**

**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: January 9, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.**