

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.”



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.

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Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

Hopefully all of you had a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year. As we move into 2014, I want to share with everyone the accomplishments of 2013. With a good measure of hard work from your Council and the City Staff we can honestly sit back and feel this past year was very successful. We were able to achieve:

- Road Repairs and construction on Chippewa Blvd. in Selma Park Estates.
- Road Repairs and construction on Deephaven and Yellowbark in Selma Park Estates.
- Purchase of a SWAT Armored Vehicle to protect our Officers and the public that they serve.
- Road Repairs and construction on Capri, Rhodius and Albrecht Lanes in Live Oak Hills.
- Appointed a New Financial Institution and Consulting Engineer which saves taxpayer dollars.
- Increased the City's credit rating from S & P from "A + " to "AA-".
- Lowered property tax rates to \$.02342/\$100 valuation from the previous rate of \$.02793/\$100 valuation.
- Approved a balanced budget for 2014-2015.
- Historical & Parks and Recreation Commission accomplishments: new basketball court, soccer goals, Stage Stop Historical Marker, stage coach route sign and a new Christmas Tree.
- Two very successful Movies-In-The Park.
- Annual Selma-Schertz Salute to Service Members 5K Run.
- New City Website to enhance communications and ease of use.
- New Businesses added in 2013: Designer Shoe Warehouse, Vermeer Equipment, Gunn Chevrolet, GMC & Buick Autoplex and the Northeast Collision Center, Keller Materials, Alamo Mobility, and Volvo Construction Rentals.
- Eternally thankful for the ongoing recovery of Corporal Balderamas and Officer Kierum.

Moving into 2014 has no less expectations, the calendar is already slated for these projects:

- Asphalt overlay on all streets in the Olympia Hills Subdivision.
- Traffic signalization on Olympia Parkway at Medusa & Agora Parkway
- Harrison House Restoration and Harrison Park Completion.
- East Coast Wings & Grill to replace Casual Male in The Forum.
- Ruben's Place redevelopment into a mix of retail & restaurants (current



tenants include Sleep Number Beds, Pasha Mediterranean Restaurant, Captain Ben's Seafood and Western Dental) with more to follow.

- Road Expansion and bridging of Lookout Road and the installation of traffic signal lights at Evans, Retama Parkway and Amberly Court.
- Road Repair and reconstruction of Alton Boulevard in Selma Park Estates.
- Drainage improvements along Utopia Boulevard in Selma Park Estates.
- Construction of a multi-family development for wounded warriors.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact myself, the City Administrator, or the Assistant City Administrator. We hope Selma continues to prosper and grow heading into 2015 and beyond.

Sincerely,
Mayor Tom Daly

Nicole Sgro – Retama Springs
Scott Abel & Syrma Quinones
Julia Tucker – Creekside
Robert Harr – Creekside
Jarrett Daniel – Kensington
Dung Ton-Nu – Live Oak Hills
Cathy Bond – Kensington
Kymberlee – Buntyn – Live Oak Hills
Jennifer Emelogu – Forrest Creek
Stephen McDonald – Retama Springs

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:

Randall Hamilton – Retama Springs
Shannon Arnett – Retama Springs
Rodney Moss – Kensington
Jeanne Kreutler – Kensington
Mary Kate Rice – Retama Springs
Patricia Antuna – Kensington
Rose Acel – Retama Springs
Nathan Wake – Kensington

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 29th – first date to file for office, February 28th last day to file for office. Packets to file for office will be available from the Assistant City Secretary.

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.

4TH ANNUAL SELMA-SCHERTZ SALUTE TO SERVICE MEMBERS 5K

– This annual 5K fun run & walk is scheduled for January 18th starting from the Bluebonnet Palace. The race begins at 9am with the proceeds benefiting Operation Comfort, a non-profit organization founded to support the needs of wounded service members recovering at San Antonio Medical Center. Post-race activities include free food, drinks, music, and concluding with an awards ceremony for top finishers in various divisions. For more information including registration, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/kjsurcc>

CITY STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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Water Department, Ph. 651-7807
Dispatch, Ph. 653-0033
Emergency: 911

SELMA HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE! Like

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!



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. There will be an Open House Event on Saturday, February 22nd from 9am to 12pm. For more information and to enroll your child, go to reallife.org/mdo or call (210) 490-5262.

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.

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

RECAP OF THE SELMA CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 09, 2014

- Citizens to be Heard – Mr. Kevin O'Donnell gave the update on activities of the Schertz Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Wilma Heberling spoke to the fact that the current name designated for the combination of the existing Parks and Recreation Commission and Historical Commission was not the name agreed upon in their joint meeting. Mr. Jeff Rogers was excused by Mayor Daly after Mr. Rogers made reference that the City of Selma was a socialist city.
- Approved the Minutes of the December 12, 2013 City Council Meeting.
- Received a briefing on Standard & Poor's raising the credit rating for the City from A+ to AA-.
- Directed Staff to program \$80,000 into the 2014-2015 Selma Budget to purchase and install 23 street lights in the Live Oak Hills Subdivision.

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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.

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.

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

*Recap of the Selma City Council Meeting of January 09, 2014
continued*

- Directed Staff to advertise for bids to construct drainage improvements through Selma Park Estates, Unit 2, utilizing the Utopia right-of-way.
- Passed Ordinance Number 010914-01, to establish the rules of utilizing disabled persons parking and establishing penalties for violation.
- Passed Ordinance Number 010914-02, to regulate submetering of water in apartment complexes.

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website

City Offices will be closed January 20th in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day
and on February 17th in observance of President's Day

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: February 13, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.