

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.

Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

Our fourth annual Selma/Schertz 5K run was a huge success. We easily had over 500 participants; along with fans rooting for our wounded warriors and those that ran in support of our heroes. Once again our City can't thank enough both Selma's Texas Physical Therapy for organizing this great event and the Bluebonnet Palace for always opening their doors and for letting this event be staged in our great city.

I also want to apologize to all our new residents. One of my favorite things as Mayor is meeting and greeting all our new residents. With an increased work and family life, along with the cold weather and early darkness, I have fallen way behind on my visits. I live in hope that our new residents and all others are staying safe and happy with all our Council and Staff decisions going into the new year. Please, any question that you may have will be welcomed and answered by any of us.

Sincerely,
Mayor Tom Daly

Elected Officials

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Councilman
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Welcome

At Kensington Ranch:

Dennis & Carrie Derwacter
Jesse Fanning
Julie Jeffords
Matthew Williamson

At Live Oak Hills:

Dora Tallman

At Retama Springs:

Jason Bollinger
Lynn Ngo & Arthur
Harrison
Kyung & Eun Lee
Larry Metcalf
Josh Molitor
Angus Mundy
Alex Villasenor

At Selma Park

Estates:

Mireya Prieto





ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP

Dumpsters will be located behind City Hall and at Chippewa Blvd between March 22nd through March 30th. Hazardous Waste will be accepted at the City Hall location only, on the weekends of March 22nd through March 23rd & March 29th – March 30th.

What you need to know: The Spring Clean Up is restricted to Selma residents only. Waste delivered must be separated by type of material by the resident. Spring Clean up activities does not apply to commercial businesses. A current water bill or tax statement and proper identification are required when making a drop off.

Household Waste to be accepted:

1. General Household Waste, Furniture, and Bedding, Washers, Dryers, Stoves, anything and everything that is not hazardous can be dropped off, free

of charge, during clean up, Monday thru Sunday, 8 am-5pm.

2. Material will be sorted by customer, Not by Bexar Waste employees.
3. Appliances containing Freon will be accepted free only if Freon tank is removed; if Freon tank is still attached there will be a \$35.00 fee at time of drop off. Any questions concerning the Freon tank removal, please contact Bexar Waste.

Hazardous Items will be accepted at the City Hall Location only. Waste to be accepted:

1. Tires on rims, or wheels, commercial vehicle tires, tractor tires, and heavy equipment tires will not be accepted.
2. Insecticides, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, chemicals, cleaning and bleach products, swimming pool cleaners and chemicals.

3. Enamel and latex paints in cans and aero dispensers, varnish and stains, paint thinners and removers, acetone, etc.
4. E-Recycling---Computers, TV's, VCR'S and Microwaves and other household electronics will be accepted.
5. Empty propane tanks up to 7 gallons- VALVE MUST BE ENTIRELY REMOVED
6. Metals Recycling----All common metals will be accepted.

For more information about the Clean Up and what will and will not be accepted please call Bexar Waste (210-566-5454) or the Utilities Department at (210-651-7807).

ATTENTION PET OWNERS – A Pet License is required for each animal. To obtain a Pet License bring a copy of the current Rabies Vaccination to Selma City Hall. Cost of a Pet License is \$10 annually for pets that have not been spayed or neutered and \$5 for the life of the animal for pets that have been spayed or neutered. All Licenses are renewable every year with proof of current vaccination records. Please make sure your animals are registered with the City of Selma and have current rabies vaccination certificates on file. At no time are any animals allowed to run-at-large within the city limits. We have been receiving complaints in several neighborhoods of dogs and cats being allowed to run loose at all times of the day and night. Please help us in keeping these animals safe.

UTILITY BILLING – As a reminder the City of Selma offers direct payment free of charge. Using this method to pay your utility bill will save time, checks, postage and any additional fees. Your bill will be paid on time, thus avoiding late fees. Payments will automatically be made from your checking or savings account. Credits or debits to the account are authorized to ensure that the customer's account

balance is correct and current. All that is required is to fill out a Direct Payment form available on the City's website or at City Hall. For additional questions or concerns please contact City of Selma Utilities at 651.7800.

As a reminder, there is a drop box located behind City Hall for "dropping off" utility payments. Please remember to use

an envelope to secure and protect your method of payment.

Lastly, to help better communicate with our citizens, please make sure that your contact information is up-to-date. Please call 651.7800 to give an accurate phone number and email address to help us better communicate more effectively with any information regarding your utility account.

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

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.

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!

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.

RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING PROGRAM

As a reminder, Selma residents are able to participate in the curbside recycling collection program. Cardboard is omitted from this program entirely due to lack of volume this material generates. Cardboard is however, the primary material that should be collected in a commercial recycling program.

For more information on the preparation requirements for the residential recycling program (i.e. newspapers, aluminum cans, glass containers, and plastic bottles), visit the City Website under the "Utilities" tab.

Recycled material is picked up MONDAY EACH WEEK.

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.

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.

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 FEBRUARY 13, 2014

Presented a Five Year Service Plaque to Police Sergeant Robert Hardcastle

- Citizens to be Heard – Mr. Gary Baber spoke of his opposition to the re-installation of speed humps on the newly resurfaced Phoenix Avenue. He went on say that City Staff, following the recommendations of the manufacturer, installed far too many speed humps on Phoenix. Mr. Baber said he did not have the time to circulate a petition to the residents of Phoenix to have the humps removed. Ms. Janice Hammond spoke to her concerns that with the

recent redevelopment of Ruben's Place and the removal of trees and shrubs in combination with the development of the shopping center in Live Oak that increased danger of flooding would be an issue for the residents of Old Austin Road. Ms. Karen Rutledge presented a petition with 97 signatures that is being presented to Congressman Henry Cuellar's Office expressing the residents concern on the unreliable electric service provided to Selma Park Estates by CPS Energy. She went on to say that the City lacked a plan and a shelter to evacuate residents should another emergency

arise as did recently with loss of power for a period in excess of 24 hours. Mr. Jeff Rogers spoke of the need for a City water line to the residents of Old Evans Road. Mr. Rogers stated that there was a tree on public right-of-way that if it should fall, it could damage his fence and place his livestock in peril. Ms. Maggie Titterington, Executive Director for the Schertz Chamber gave an update on the activities of the Schertz Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Robin Campo submitted his letter of resignation from the Selma Historical Commission and thanked the City for all their support during his tenure.

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

- Approved the Minutes of the January 9, 2014 City Council Meeting.
- Received a briefing on the progress of the construction of the Harrison House Park and the restoration of the John S. Harrison House.
- Approved the City's Annual Financial Audit by Armstrong and Vaughan CPA firm.
- Passed Resolution Number 021314-01 to call a General Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) Council Members in May.
- * Awarded a contract to Guadalupe County to run the May 2014 General Election.
- Directed Staff to advertise for bids for the installation of traffic lights and left turn lanes on Lookout Road.
- Established March 6, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. as the date and time for the next Selma City Council Meeting.
- Declined to approve Resolution Number 021314-02 to grant City support to Patriots Loft, Ltd.
- Completed the annual performance review of the City Administrator.

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website

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