

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,

I don't know if many of you heard, all our hard fought attempts at getting funding from the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the widening of Lookout Road fell on deaf ears. Our staff and many others worked hard at getting support, but it was to no avail. We will be looking at other alternatives. The bridge to replace the low water crossing and expansion to five lanes is essential to help our city to continue growing and staying strong into the future.

I want to personally thank all the candidates and the Schertz Chamber for putting on our very first "Meet the Candidates" Event. There were approximately sixty people in attendance. All the candidates and everyone involved showed character and passion for the City. Don't forget to come out and vote!

On April 12th we again had another first for our city, an Easter egg hunt at our very own Stage Stop Park. A big thank you to Madeline Burdett and others in the Historical Commission for putting on this wonderful and delightful event (for our young ones and those young at heart).

Finally, the City will be giving an early Mother's Day present by showing "Frozen" at our next Movie-in-the-Park on the evening of May 10th. Movie will start at dusk; there will be free popcorn, drinks, face painting and more. Please come join us for a family night in the park.

Sincerely,
Mayor Tom Daly

Elected Officials

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Mayor Pro-Tem
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Charles Eads
Councilman
Ph. 945-8035

Kevin Hadas
Councilman
Ph. 383-3093

Jose Silva
Councilman
Ph. 364-3324

Phill Swinney
Councilman
Ph. 488-5573



Willie Dickey – Kensington
Derek and Linda Welker – Chelsea Crossing
Noelani Canuela – Retama Springs
Andre Ortiz – Forest Creek
Carlota Ricondo – Forest Creek
James and Linda Foresyth – Live Oak Hills

Benito Molina – Retama Springs
Albert Marin – Live Oak Hills
Josephine Arenas – Selma Park Estates
Stephanie Bogard – Retama Springs
Michael Gilbert – Live Oak Hills

MAY GENERAL ELECTION VOTING SCHEDULE:

Selma City Hall

9375 Corporate Drive
Selma, Texas 78154

Early Voting

Monday, April 28th, 2014 – Friday, May 2, 2014
Hours: 8am to 5pm

Monday, May 5, 2014 – Tuesday, May 6, 2014
Hours: 7am to 7pm

Election Day

Saturday, May 10, 2014
Hours: 7am to 7pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The City is accepting applications for persons interested in being on the newly formed Commission that will be replacing the Historical and Parks & Recreation Commissions. These Commissions are being consolidated in an effort to streamline some of their overlapping roles and responsibilities. Volunteers interested in serving your community can send a short resume along with a brief statement as to why you would be a good selection to this Commission to Johnny Casias, Assistant City Administrator, City of Selma, 9375 Corporate Drive, , Ph. 651-7858, jcasias@ci.selma.tx.us. The lucky volunteers will be appointed by the City Council at either the June or July City Council Meeting.

WATER RESTRICTIONS – As we all know, we are in a drought and common sense should be our guide to water usage. Since Selma is not totally dependent on the Edwards Aquifer for our water, the restriction that San Antonio places on their residents are not present in Selma. Should the drought continue, we may have to revisit the water policy. For now, we ask only that you are wise in your use and conserve where you can.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SELMA FIRE DEPARTMENT!



On April 1st the City was notified by the Insurance Service Office, Incorporated (ISO) that they have again awarded Selma Fire a rating of "2". That may not sound too impressive until you take into account that there are only 187 other municipalities in the State of Texas that enjoy an ISO Rating of 2. There were 2,619 fire departments rated and Selma is in the top 7% of the State. The ISO organization is the source of how your fire insurance rates are set. Graded items include equipment, response time, training, staffing and ability to extinguish fires and assist the public in times of medical emergency. Way to go!

Forest Creek Community Garage Sale

From 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on the 26th and 27th of April, Forest Creek Subdivision will hold a community garage sale.

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.

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!



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.

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 APRIL 10, 2014

- Citizens to be Heard – Mr. Felix Guerra gave an update on the upcoming events of the Schertz Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Karen Rutledge stated that she had not received or been made aware of the official response to her petition for a plan to improve the provision of electrical service in Selma Park Estates and the Forum. She went on to say that if she could not get a satisfactory answer she would take it to a higher authority. (This is interesting since she and Councilman Silva had a City facilitated meeting with representatives of CPS Energy where she was told that a plan was in place and being worked to upgrade all electrical delivery throughout her areas of interest). Ms. Jaleen Gould spoke in support of the new animal control ordinance and for her concern for bicycle and pedestrian traffic on Evans Road.
- Received an operational update from Mr. Chris Corrado, General Manager of Retama Park.
- Approved the Minutes of the March 6, 2014 Selma City Council Meeting.
- Awarded a contract for construction of the John S. Harrison House Park in the amount of \$756,000 to R.L. Rhode General Contractors Incorporated.
- Passed Ordinance Number 041014-01. This is a comprehensive new animal control ordinance.
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The City Council
Regular Meeting is
the Second Thursday
of each Month

RECAP continued

02. This awards a new 20 year contract to CPS Energy for provision of electricity and natural gas while increasing the franchise fee paid to the City by CPS to 4.5% of total utilities billed.
- Adopted an Updated Personnel Policy Manual for Selma Employees.
 - Passed Resolution Number 041014-01 supporting the City of Garden Ridge in their project to the Metropolitan Planning Organization to widen FM 2252 from FM 3009 to Evans Road.
 - Held a Public Hearing and approved a variance from the Sign Ordinance for the remodeling of Academy Sports and Outdoors Selma store.
 - Approved an application for a vacating declaration for the Retreat at Retama Park Subdivision.
 - Awarded a contract for the installation of traffic signal lights and left turn lanes on Lookout Road at Evans Road, Retama Parkway and Amberly Court in the amount of \$1,037,350 to EZ Bel Construction, LLC.

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: May 8, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.