

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,

We are very proud to announce that the City of Selma was chosen for a Wounded Warrior housing development that will cater to the sons and daughters of this great country that sacrificed so much in the defense of America. There will be 104 units with one, two, three and four bedroom apartment homes. The facility will provide 24/7 physical and mental health assistance. There will be job training and job placement assistance provided in-house. This is a tremendous opportunity for our community to be recognized and, in some small way, to pay respect and honor to those that so selflessly gave to us. Groundbreaking is set for the first quarter of 2015 with our first residents moving in during the fourth quarter 2015.

At our last Council Meeting we were proud to authorize the publication of the proposed property tax rate for 2014. Your property taxes are being proposed to be reduced to \$0.2223/\$100 of valuation from this year's rate of \$0.2342/\$100 of valuation. Selma continues to have one of the lowest property tax rates in the San Antonio Metropolitan Area.

A correction to last month's Newsletter: The new Judson High School on Evans Road will open at the beginning of the 2016 School Year and only Selma residents of Bexar County will attend this facility. I apologize for the error.

Sincerely,
Mayor Tom Daly

Welcome New Residents

Andre & Rosalie Fields – Kensington
Tracy Barnes – Retreat at Retama
Frank Hernandez – Retama Springs
Yvette Hernandez – Retama Ridge
Larry Dishman – Retama Ridge
Gino Amerizahraei – Retama Ridge
Kimberly Braddock - Retreat at Retama
Rita Lemeilleur – Selma Park Estates
Mark Saucedo – Forest Creek

Cheryl Ross – Kensington
Susana & Alfonzo Arbolea – Retama Ridge
Derrick Johnson – Retama Springs
Natalie Trevino – Forest Creek
Brittany Huskey – Retreat at Retama
David & Karen Folds – Retama Springs
Arthur Calhoun – Forest Creek
Charlie Langston – Forest Creek
Ramon Lara – Selma Park Estates

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. Even though the Edwards Aquifer Authority has declared Stage 4 water restrictions we will follow SAWS lead and remain at Stage 2. Should the drought worsen, 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.

Center Point Energy Customers

The City has been notified that those residents receiving natural gas service from Center Point Energy (Kensington Ranch) will see an increase on their bills (beginning with their August bill) of approximately 2.3%. Most Selma residents are served by CPS Energy and there has been no indication (so far) that CPS is raising their natural gas service rates.

FY 2014-15 Proposed Budget

In accordance with State Law, the proposed budget for next fiscal year is posted to the City's website and a hard copy is on-file with the City Secretary for public inspection. The Public Hearing to receive testimony/comments from any person wishing to speak on the proposed 2014-2015 Budget is September 11, 2014, @ 6:30pm.

Upcoming Events:

September 2nd – The new Selma Cultural Parks Commission will hold their monthly Meeting on Tuesday, September 2nd @ 6:30 pm in the Conference Room behind Council Chambers. All Meetings are open to the public. Please attend to offer your input on historical and parks & recreation matters under “Citizens to be Heard” or if you cannot attend, you may submit your suggestions to jcasias@ci.selma.tx.us.

CITY STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Dispatch(210) 653-0033
 EMERGENCY911

September 6th – HEB 9/11 Memorial 5K Run / Walk at Judson H.S. @ 8am; all proceeds will be donated to the Fisher House Foundation and Judson ISD Educational Foundation; register at athleteguild.com

September 26th & 27th - Kid's Closet Connection is having their local semi-annual sale offering an opportunity to purchase and donate “gently used” children's clothing for the coming school year. Where: Knights of Columbus Hall, 509 Schertz Parkway, Hours 11am to 7pm on the 26th & 9am to 3pm on the 27th. For more information please call Brittany Giddens @ 391-9221.

Chipper Service

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 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.

Here are brief reminders & guidelines to remember when preparing for chipper service:

- No palm limbs will be chipped as they will clog the chipper;
- Please no tree limbs wider than 12 inches in diameter;
- No tree stumps, plywood, wood, or fencing can be chipped;
- All brush and tree limbs must be stacked at the front curb to allow easy access for City staff (City staff is not allowed to enter onto private property);
- No bulk items or trash will be chipped (arrangements can be made with Bexar Waste by calling 566-5454 to remove these bulk items);
- Please remember to set piles for chipper service as close to the first week of the month as feasible; putting piles for chipper service too early can result in nesting for snakes and other animals.

“Courtesy Phone Calls” for Service Termination

As of the September billing cycle for water, sewer and garbage service, the City will no longer make a phone call to the customer to advise that their services are subject to termination. Bills are sent out on the first with a due date of

the 15th. A late notice is sent to all customers not paying by the due date. That will be the last notification given prior to termination of service. Though, by far, most of our residents pay their bills on time. There are more and more that are paying late and the workload on the clerks simply does not allow for the time consuming task of a personal phone call to those not paying after two notices have been sent.

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 & 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.

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 communicate more effectively any information regarding your utility account.

Selma 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.

Bexar Waste provides 18-gallon bins to serve as the recycling container for residences. However, residents are permitted and encouraged to use their own additional marked containers for recycling should the 18-gallon bin not suffice your recycling needs.

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.

Contact Phone 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.

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

Selma City Council Meeting Recap – August 14, 2014

- Citizens to be Heard – Maggie Titterington, President of the Schertz Chamber of Commerce, gave the monthly update of upcoming activities and events. Karen Rutledge presented a second request asking for the City Council to authorize the City Administrator and the City Attorney to fur-

nish her with information on removal of elected officials and public servants in the City of Selma since Selma does not have a City Charter. Ms. Rutledge went on to say that the City Administrator mailed a letter with some information responsive to her first request last month, but that this was



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The City Council
Regular Meeting is the
second Thursday of
each month.

not sufficient. Robin Christian Campo opined his frustration with information being distributed to citizens of Selma that, in his opinion, is not factual.

- Approved the Minutes of the July 10, 2014 Selma Regular Monthly Council Meeting.
- Approved the Second Quarter 2014 Investment Policy Report.
- Accepted the recommendation of the Board of Directors of Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Selma, Texas for reimbursement of reimbursable expenses to one or more developers.
- Approved the purchase of a Sutphen Custom Pumper for the Fire Department to replace Pump #3 that is no longer economically repairable.
- Approved the publication of the Proposed 2014 Property Tax Rate of \$0.222300 or a decrease from the 2013 Tax Rate of \$0.0119/\$100 of valuation.
- Received a briefing on the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Tax Credit Grant to allow the construction of Liberty Pass a multi-family housing development for our Wounded Warriors on Lookout Road.

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website.

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: September 11, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

City Offices to be Closed on Monday, September 1st
in observance of Labor Day.