

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,

Plenty of smiles were seen at the park for our annual Halloween Movie-in-the-Park. A great big thank you to all our volunteers for helping make those smiles happen. I know I can hear it...yes, finally Lookout Road looks to just be about done. We also will be restriping Lookout Road from Jordan Road to the city limits with Live Oak. This will happen just in time to alleviate traffic with the holidays right around the corner. On that note, the staff here at city hall, your council and myself wish you all the safest and happiest Thanksgiving. Enjoy family and friends to the fullest!

Sincerely,
Mayor Tom Daly

Welcome New Residents

Caitlin Freddie & Brandon Mitcham – Forest Creek	Retama Springs
Andres Lujan – Forest Creek	Michael Holdman – Creek Side Gardens
Andrew Coppi – Live Oak Hills	Donald Flaten – Reserve @ Retama
Bruce Speer – Retama Springs	Megan Thompson – Reserve @ Retama
Johnathan Hannah – Chelsea Place	John & Ezinne Boggess – Retama Springs
Carolyn Pillot – Kensington	Henry Vera – Retama Springs
Felicia Ramerirez – Retama West	Cristal & Israel Mesa – Kensington
Perla Escobar – Creek Side Gardens	Lawerence Love – Retama Springs
Cynthia Carroll – Retama Ridge	Jessica Marinez – Retama Springs
Mark Saenz – Retama Springs	Grace Herrera – Reserve @ Retama
Dean & Vanessa Crockett –	

Fall Cleanup

Our thanks to Bexar Waste for doing a great job on our Fall Cleanup October 25th through November 2nd.

Coyotes

Of late, there have been an increased number of coyotes mainly in the Selma Parks Estates Subdivision. As a reminder, coyotes, like the deer, are not the responsibility of the City of Selma. Texas Department of Wildlife reserves the control and disposal of these exclusively unto themselves. For the foreseeable future it would be wise to keep your cats and small dogs indoors during the evening hours.

Planning & Zoning Commission Vacancy

The Planning and Zoning Commission has a vacancy due to the resignation of long time commission member, Dale Doan. Thank you Dale for your service and enjoy your abode in San Antonio! Volunteers seeking to fill the vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission are asked to submit a brief resume to Johnny Casias, Assistant City Administrator, via email @jcasias@ci.selma.tx.us or it can be mailed to City Hall. For any questions, please call 651-7858.

Selma Historical & Parks Commission Update

On November 22nd, they are holding a clean-up at the Stage Stop Park and on December 6th, the commission members are having a Stage Stop Park Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. They are inviting all who wish to bring an ornament to place on the tree. If you would like more information on commission activities or have suggestions, please contact Mrs. Madeline Burdett @ 651-6266.

Sewer Rates & Sewer Averaging

As a reminder, Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority is raising utility rates 9.49% which equates to a \$2.05 increase to the average wastewater user. This increase will be reflected in the upcoming utility bills. 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.

Yikes...Snakes!

There has been a considerable amount of calls to report of snakes in and around various neighborhoods. Please use all the necessary precautions to avoid getting bit! Such include: a) Keep your yard and adjacent property mowed; trim hedges and clear brush to discourage snakes from taking up residence near your home. b) Keep your children from playing in areas where snakes could be hiding; discourage them from going to nearby vacant lots where there is high grass and brush. c) Use an implement

when gathering firewood from an outdoor stack or when working with brush or lumber. d) During drought conditions, snakes will seek water around your garden hose, swimming pool, or under your air conditioning unit.

Pay Your Utility Bills 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 makes 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 pay fee.

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 3 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.

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 651-7800. 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 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.

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 & Kennsington 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.

CITY STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

- Ken Roberts, City Administrator.....(210) 651-7824
- Syd Hall, Police Chief(210) 651-5368
- Ric Braun, Fire Chief(210) 651-7831
- Water Department(210) 651-7807
- Dispatch(210) 653-0033
- EMERGENCY 911

Recap of the Selma City Council Meeting of November 13, 2014

- Presented a 10 year Service Award to Mr. Larry Verner.
- Citizens to be Heard – Mr. Alton Crain asked that the reconstruction project of Alton Boulevard be delayed until after the New Year. Mr. Jeremy Mello gave an update on the proposed actions of the Selma Historical and Parks Commission. Ms. Jana Volitis gave an update on the activities of the Schertz Cham-

ber of Commerce. Ms. Deborah Cox-Wonch spoke to the need of a stop sign at the corner of Evans Road and the back gate to River City Church. Ms. Cox-Wonch stated that though the Alton Blvd. project was overdue, in her opinion, water runoff will not be corrected until other streets in Selma Park Estates are reconstructed.

- Accepted the Minutes of the October 9, 2014



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

- Selma Regular Monthly Council Meeting and Public Hearing.
- Passed Resolution Number 111314, A Resolution to approve the Final Roll Report on property values in the City of Selma for 2014.
 - Received a progress update from Raba-Kistner Engineering on the construction of the John S. Harrison Park.
 - Accepted the Third Quarter 2014 Investment Policy Report.
 - Awarded a contract for the reconstruction of Alton Boulevard in Selma Park Estates. Mayor Daly and Councilman Greene recused themselves from this Agenda Item due to their homes being on Alton Boulevard.
 - Passed Resolution Number 111314-01, a Resolution to offer for sale, "as-is", on a sealed bid basis, real property owned by the City that has been identified as excess property.

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website.

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

City Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving.