

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,

Recently my wife (Bonnie) and I had the tremendous honor of participating along with representatives from the City of Schertz at the Annual Operation Comfort Christmas Party for our wounded warriors. We were honored to have two of our newest residents, Matthew and Kalyn Castillo Del Muro seated with us. Kalyn is an active duty sergeant at Lackland AFB. Matthew is a wounded warrior and a recipient of a new home from HEB in Kensington Ranch.

The ground breaking for the Selma Wounded Warrior Facility on Lookout Road is currently scheduled for April 2015. This year's Selma/Schertz 5K race to support Operation Comfort, will be the 5th time we have been honored to host the event. You can either go to the City of Selma Website or the Operation Comfort website to sign up for this awesome event. Thanks to our sponsors, Gunn Automotive, Texas Physical Therapy and a host of local donors. A special thanks to the John Family for allowing us to use the Bluebonnet Palace as a start/finish point. Speaking of the Bluebonnet, on December 14th they hosted the Operation Comfort Gifts from Santa to the children of the wounded warriors.

Another big thank you goes out to the Selma Historical & Parks Commission for hosting the lighting and decorating ceremony at the Stage Coach Park on the 6th of December.

With that, I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from my family to yours.

Sincerely,
Mayor Tom Daly

Welcome New Residents

Christopher Patchett – Retama Ridge

Ana Chapa – Forest Creek

Chun Campbell – Retama Springs

Adam Apodaca – Kensington

John Fletcher – Kensington

Samuel Johnson – Selma Park Estates

Theresa Dimarco – Retama Springs

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 Parks & 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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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 December 11, 2014

- Presented a 30 year Service Award to Ms. Sandra Garcia. Live Oak P.D. presented an award to Officer Zuniga for actions while he was employed with Live Oak P.D. Mr. Dale Doan was recognized for his 18 years of service on the Selma Planning and Zoning Commission. Ken Roberts received Public Servant of the Year award from the Urban Management Association of South Texas.
- Citizens to be Heard – Mr. Mark Ford reported that water is still standing in the improved portion of Utopia Boulevard by the IH-35 “jug handle”. Mr. Jeremy Mello provided an update on the activities of the Historical & Parks Commission to include that their first tree lighting event was a big success. Ms. Karen Rutledge notified Council that she is resubmitting her public information request on information related



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

to the Selma Police Department SWAT vehicle. Ms. Maggie Titterington gave the monthly update of upcoming events of the Schertz Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Robin Campo provided a list of accomplishments since Mayor Daly was elected to office in 2010.

- Accepted the Minutes of the November 13, 2014 Selma City Council Meeting.
- Appointed Mr. Thomas Brotherman and Ms. Sharon Phillips to the Selma Historical & Parks Commission.

- Ratified two irregular procurements by the Selma Historical & Parks Commission.
- Passed a new Procurement Policy for the City.
- Passed an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Selma and the City of Elmendorf for Animal Control.
- Appointed Mr. Jim Parma to a vacant position on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website.

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: January 8, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

City Hall will be closed December 24th through December 26th for Christmas and again on December 31st through January 2nd for New Year's.