

**May 2012**

To All Our Residents,

At last month's City Council Meeting many citizens from Live Oak Hills and Kensington Ranch, along with representatives from Joint Base San Antonio, expressed themselves about valid concerns with the building of Kensington Ranch II. Less than 24 hours later, all issues were addressed and all concerns rectified. Many of you in Live Oak Hills who are concerned about through traffic into your neighborhood can rest knowing the City went to Pulte/Centex, requested and agreed that the only through street (Echo not York) will have a private gate that will allow City vehicles only through access. Joint Base San Antonio and Pulte/Centex ironed out all concerns and have presented them to Selma staff for approval. We have contacted TxDOT about a traffic study for FM 1518 in the not too distant future. Unfortunately, we have a local newspaper that doesn't follow up on their facts before giving Selma front page reporting! With that said, the Council and myself appreciate all that shared their concerns.

Now let me share with you three tremendous events that happened in our City that no newspaper attended or bothered giving one item of news. First, Selma was selected by the Organ Donors of America and a few weeks ago planted a tree near the pavilion. Over 500 individuals, families from loved ones who donated organs and their recipients gathered and expressed heartfelt stories. I invite all of you to stop by and look at the lovely plaque and tree that are a remembrance for those who gave and for those who received. During Fiesta, Retama Park hosted over 1,000 bike riders who participated in the Fiesta Wildflower Bike Ride, a benefit for Morgan's Wonderland. Lastly, our second annual Selma/Schertz 5K Run made it possible for a donation of over \$9,000 being presented to Operation Comfort to help wounded military returning from abroad. I hope everyone comes out on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Blue Bonnet Palace to support our Fire & Police Department's annual barbeque in support of the 100 Clubs of Guadalupe and Comal Counties. The 100 Club provides monetary support to the families of any fallen Police, Fire or EMS worker in the respective Counties.

Mayor Tom Daly

**Welcome New Neighbors:**

Wade Seifert – Live Oak Hills  
Jeremy Padalecki – Retama Springs  
Samuel Knotts – Kensington Ranch  
Jennifer Shipley – Retama West  
Jaime Baca – Retama Springs  
Joshua Wolcott – Forest Creek  
Justin Mercer – Live Oak Hills  
Christopher Martinez – Forest Creek  
Kristine White – Kensington Ranch

Charles Polit – Live Oak Hills  
John Orr – Retama Springs  
Heather Johnson – Retama West  
Metilda Martinez – Retama Ridge  
Judy Rierson – Retama Springs  
Patricia Barrera – Retama West  
Lawrence Rentz – Kensington Ranch  
Michelle Cruz – Retama West  
Lisa Brown – Kensington Ranch  
Keller Binningfeild – Kensington Ranch  
Raymond Harlos – Live Oak Hills  
Brian Moczgemba – Retama Springs  
Justin Smith – Kensington Ranch  
Vivien Brown – Retama Springs  
Jessie McNeese – Retama Springs  
Gary Matsuamara – Live Oak Hills

**SPRING CLEANUP** – Bexar Waste will provide our bi-annual cleanup from May 5th through May 13th. Household Hazardous Waste Disposal will be available May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6th and again on May 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot behind City Hall. In addition scrap metal disposal will be available the 5<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. On May the 12<sup>th</sup> electronic recycling will be offered at the same location.

**MOVIE IN THE PARK** – On May the 12<sup>th</sup> at sundown please join us in viewing the movie “Rio” at the Stage Stop Park. Popcorn, face painting, free drinks and fun for all.

**MAY SPECIAL ELECTION** – There will be Special Election held on May 12, 2012. There is no General Election this year due to the fact that only the Mayor and two incumbent Council Members filed for the election. The Special Election is to re-authorize the current ¼ cent sales tax to fund road repairs. Early Voting started April 30<sup>th</sup> and will go through May 8<sup>th</sup>. Election Day is May 12<sup>th</sup>. All voting will be conducted at your City Hall.

**ANNUAL FIRE AND POLICE BENEFIT BAR-B-QUE AND AUCTION** May the 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 P.M. and continuing until 7:00 P.M. All plates are \$7.00. Catering will be done by Bluebonnet Catering and will be held at the Bluebonnet Palace on Lookout Road. All proceeds of the meals and auction go to the 100 Clubs of Comal and Guadalupe Counties.

**FARMER’S MARKET** – Some members of the Selma Historical Commission are planning their next Market Event. Please call Madeline Burdett @ 651-6266 or Jose Silva @ 364-3324 for more details. Please note; proceeds from this sale DO NOT benefit the Commission.

**EDWARDS AQUIFER AUTHORITY** - Has declared Stage II water restriction on all municipal users of water drawn from The Edwards Aquifer. Selma is not totally dependent on the Edwards for our drinking water. We ask that all residents conserve water but the application of common sense best practices will help us all during this time of drought. The Management Fee that the Edwards Aquifer Authority charges all municipal users are based on the number of acre feet the City owns not on how much water we consume. As we have been stating in the Newsletters for the past few months, the fee increase of 115% went into effect back in February. Selma will pass that charge on to our users beginning with your June Water Bills. Currently you are paying \$0.1167 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed. The new rate of \$0.2513 per 1,000 gallons is the rate you will see on the June bills.

**SELMA HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE** – The City has developed a Facebook Page as another avenue to communicate with our citizens. Visit the page to look for updates, photos, and special events. The Facebook Page is titled, “City of Selma, Texas.” Look for the City Logo and hit the “like” button!

**UTILITY PAYMENTS** – We continue to experience an extraordinary number of water service accounts that were subject to disconnect for nonpayment. Utility payments are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. If the 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend or holiday, payments will be posted on the next business day. Payments received after 8:00 A.M. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> business day after the due date are subject to a 10% late charge (of your total bill). Payment must be received within 10 days of the due date. Payments received after this 10 day period will result in termination of service. A reconnection fee of \$30.00 will be required along with the initial bill amount plus the 10% late fee. The City provides several payment options to avoid additional costs, automatic draft on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month from your checking account, on-line payment through the City’s website and a 24 hour a day drop box behind city hall. Please note, customers who utilize bank on-line payment services, please schedule the payment to arrive BEFORE late fees are assessed or service is terminated.

**CHIPPER SERVICE** is provided to residents on the FIRST WEEK of the month. To schedule the City crew and chipper please call 651-6661, ext 7827. As a reminder, chipper service is provided for the residents of the City of Selma only. Of late, some residents have hired 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.

**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 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.

**AFTER HOURS MINOR EMERGENCIES** 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 limb in the right-of-way. Live Oak Dispatch will then get the on call Public Works Employee to respond.

### *Recap of the City Council Meeting of May 3, 2012:*

Citizens to be Heard: There were none.

- Approved the Minutes of the Public Hearings and Regular Monthly Council Meeting of April 12, 2012.
- Passed Ordinance Number 050312-01 updating City traffic laws, rules and regulations.
- Passed Ordinance Number 050312-02 amending the zoning and granting a Specific Use Permit to allow development of Kensington Ranch II Subdivision.
- Directed the Staff to engage the City's Consulting Engineer to design and estimate prices on several capital improvement projects for the current fiscal year.
- Deferred the construction of a basketball court for the Stage Stop Park until it can be budgeted in Fiscal Year 2012-2013.
- Set June 14, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. as the next Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website

City offices will be closed Monday,  
May 28, 2012 in observance of Memorial Day

**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: June 14, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.**