

April 2012

To All the Residents of Selma,

How proud can we as citizens be? A major accident, in the early morning of March 30th, shutdown IH-35 in both directions in our city. Your Fire and Police Departments showed every other city in the Metrocom how well prepared Selma Fire and PD are for an emergency. With the guidance of Fire Chief Braun, Police Chief Hall and our City Staff, they preformed a well organized plan and kept traffic moving during the many hours of clean up after the accident. Although many were inconvenienced, without this organization and dedication this might very well have been a bigger disaster for us all! Let's all remember that no one was seriously injured and though the day was long, all were still brought home safely to their families.

We as a city, have a great opportunity to come out and thank them all. Mark your calendars for May 19th for our annual Fire/Police Barbeque for the 100 Clubs of Guadalupe and Comal Counties. This year we will again be at the Bluebonnet Palace. Come out and support their efforts by bringing the family and enjoying a day of community spirit for a very good cause. On May 12th at sundown we will have another "Movie in the Park" at the Stage Stop Park. Our movie selection will be "Rio". As has been our past practice, the Fire Department will have a truck there for all to see, face painting, free drinks and popcorn. Bring the whole family; bring your blankets and lawn chairs. See you all at these two great events.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the recent passing of Schertz Mayor Hal Baldwin. Mayor Baldwin was a friend and ally in bringing development and measured growth to the Metrocom. He will be sorely missed, but know that his contribution to the City of Schertz will live on through his vision and accomplishments.

Sincerely,
Mayor Tom Daly

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:

Jeffrey Gries – Retama Springs
Terry Craven Retama Springs
Robert Cameron – Live Oak Hills
Frances Jaquez – Retama West
Craig Stevens – Retama Springs
William Vandertulip – Forest Creek

Rebecca Nash – Retama Springs
Jeremy Burns – Retama Springs
Daniel M. Constancio Sr. – Retama West
Lucia V. Garcia – Forest Creek
Terri Andrew – Kensington Ranch
Emily Boseman – Forest Creek

Jason Collins – Retama West
Melisa Salinas – Retama Springs
Servio Vasquez – Retama Springs
Wade Seifert – Live Oak Hills

Thresa Marvin – Live Oak Hills
Leonard Dauphinais – Forest Creek
Amanda Ashley – Forest Creek
Paul McCartney – Live Oak Hills

SPRING CLEANUP – May 5th – May 13th, 5-6 & again on the 12th & 13th we will have Household Hazardous Waste Disposal available behind City Hall. Provided this year will be scrap metal and electronics recycling. Scrap metal can be recycled from May 5th through May 13th; electronics recycling can be done on May 12th ONLY. Here is a list of some common acceptable and non-acceptable items for scrap metal and electronics recycling:

Acceptable Items: Answering machines; camcorders; laptops; PDAs; cell phones; computers; cordless phones; keyboards; mouse; hard drives; networking equipment; cable equipment; gaming systems; pagers; radios; DVD players; fax machines; copiers; CRT monitors; all types of cable wire; holiday lights; extension cords; electronics cords; speaker wire; air conditioners; dishwashers; speakers; washers; dryers; lawn mowers (free of liquids); refrigerators (free of liquids); toasters; curling irons; irons; vacuums; garage door openers; metal racking; metal chairs; lawn chairs (metal); metal cabinets; freezers.

Non-Acceptable Items: Tubed TV sets; batteries; enclosed containers (aerosol cans, gas cans, propane cylinders); toner cartridges; plastic toys; lighting fixtures; paint cans; tires; ballasts.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

On May the 12th at sundown (around 8:15 p.m.) please join us in viewing the movie “Rio” at the Stage Stop Park. Popcorn, face painting, free drinks and fun for all.

SPECIAL ELECTION May 12th – Even though we are not having a General Election due to the fact that only the incumbents filed for their seats as Mayor and Council Members there is still a very important issue before the citizens of Selma. You will have the opportunity to re-authorize the current ¼ cent of sales tax that the City uses to fund road repairs. Exercise your right either during Early Voting at Selma City Hall April the 30th through May 8th or on Election Day May 12th and vote your conscience.

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS – Of late the Fire Department has responded in a marked increase in calls for service for carbon monoxide (CO) detectors sounding an alarm. The majority of these calls have come from the Retama Ridge Subdivision. Sensing technology in these units has an effective life expectancy of seven

years. The technology has changed and the newer detectors have improved warning capabilities. The Fire Department will continue to respond to all calls for service. In order to protect yourself and your family, it is strongly recommended that any CO Detector over seven years old be replaced.

EDWARDS AQUIFER MANAGEMENT FEES

On February 14th, the EAA Board of Directors voted to amend its budget for 2012 and assess an additional aquifer management fee of \$37 per acre-foot on municipal groundwater permit holders (of which Selma is) to fund implementation of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The HCP is designed to protect various species whose only known habitats are the aquifer-fed Comal and San Marcos springs that are listed as threatened or endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act. The \$37 fee is in addition to the \$47 per acre-foot aquifer management fee the EAA already assesses on municipal permit holders to sustain its operating budget. Thus, the new fee will be \$84 per acre-foot for authorized use in 2012.

Overall, this increases the EAA management fee by 115% over the fee imposed in 2011! City Staff is recommending to City Council that the City cover the cost of this increase until the June Utility Bill. Thus, the increase will begin to appear on your utility bill in June. Currently, water users pay \$0.1167 per 1,000 gallons that, once collected, is forwarded to the EAA. Starting in June, the new rate for the EAA management fee will be \$0.2513 per 1,000 gallons of water usage.

The EAA Board of Directors acted against Selma's and many other cities' objections. However, the EAA Board of Directors also approved concepts for the next session of the Texas Legislature that includes an effort to explore and evaluate alternative options for funding the HCP. Under current state law, the EAA's sole means of funding its operations, including implementation of the HCP, is through the assessment of aquifer management fees on groundwater permit holders. We will continue to keep you updated on this very fluid situation.

SELMA PARK ESTATES SUBDIVISION YARD SALE

Wow! Another successful community/subdivision yard sale. The weather was beautiful and it seemed like all 27 residents had a good time and had a good amount of "bargain hunters". Looks like our annual sale will be in spring next year. Just as a reminder, you can have two (2) yard sales per year, on your own, at your home. Just get the \$5 permit from the City of Selma, online or in-person and follow the guidelines. This last community sales will not count against your two sales. Thanks to those faithful few who took the time to place the flyers on your door: Deborah Hosey, Jose Silva, Curtis Gregory, Tom Daly, James McCormick and Bill Detrick. A special thanks to Gloria Detrick for her planning, organizational skills and time.

STORMWATER POLLUTION AWARENESS Did you know that stormwater run-off is one of the biggest sources of water pollution, and that you can make a difference in the quality of our water? Learn how by picking up the brochure entitled After the Storm, available in the lobby at Selma City Hall. Also, did you know that excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams? Don't over-apply! Too much fertilizer or pesticide is not necessarily more effective, wastes your money, and hurts the environment.

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!

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS – 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 cell service since you signed for utility service, we ask that you call 651-7807 and update your phone contact information.

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.

SERVICE REQUESTS – The City has been receiving service requests by residents who submit their requests online; the link to do so is on the City website. As an added feature, now residents can submit service requests by using their smart phone. Download “Report2Gov” which is available in the Apple and Android market. “Report2Gov” is completely free for citizens to download and use to submit service requests!

CHIPPER SERVICE is provided to residents free of charge. 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. 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.

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.

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 Selma City Council Meeting of April 12, 2012

Citizens to be Heard: Mr. Jeff Rogers spoke to his opposition to paying Storm Water Runoff Fees and having to pay for garbage collection. Ms. Karen Smith asked Council to consider placing a gate at the end of York Lane and limit use of that gate to emergency vehicles only. Ms. Kimberly Thornton stated that she too supported the gate on York Lane. Colonel Robert Bridgford spoke to Joint Base San Antonio’s concern on the concentration of homes that are proposed for the Kensington Ranch II subdivision and the possible effect that might have on the continued mission of Randolph Air Force Base. Mr. Ken Hans spoke to the extended period of time that has expired since the rebuild of Chippewa Boulevard began. He asked to Council to take action to insure a more timely completion of that project. Mr. Dan Porchernick spoke to his concern for the speed of vehicles along Woodcliffe Boulevard. Mr. Porchernick asked Council to consider speed bumps and increased traffic enforcement as possible means to correct this on-going problem. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stewart expressed their concern with York Lane being an access point to Kensington Ranch II. They too, expressed support of an emergency vehicle only gate between Live Oak Hills and the proposed new subdivision. Mr. Brad Oswald questioned the location of power lines across his property and stated he would not allow anyone to disturb his fence or yard in an effort to repair those lines.

Presented a 10 Year Service Plaques to Sgt Ron Eberhardt & Corporal John Sorenson

Presented a Five Year Service Plaque to Police Clerk Sherry Stricklin

- Approved the Minutes of the Selma City Council Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Meeting of March 8, 2012.
- Established the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 P.M. as the date and time of the Regular Monthly Selma City Council Meeting.
- Approved the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 12, 2012 Selma General Election.
- Passed Ordinance Number 041212-01 declaring candidates in the May 12, 2012 General Election Elected to Office.
- Approved An Order of Cancellation of General Election.
- Approved Resolution 041212, establishing policy and procedures for use of the City's Facebook Page by City Employees.
- Approved Resolution Number 041212-01, approving the application for a Solid Waste Grant Application to the Alamo Council of Governments in an attempt to acquire a new wood chipper and wireless cameras to capture images of illegal trash dumpers.
- Appointed Ms. Jennifer Ellmayer to the vacancy on the Selma Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Passed Ordinance Number 041212-02 changing the zoning of 2.418 acres of land next to Live Oak Hills from Agricultural-Ranch to Planned Unit Development.
- Passed Ordinance Number 041212-03 re-zoning 93.219 acres next to Live Oak Hills from Residential One to Planned Unit Development.
- Took no action on ordinance Number 041212-004 granting a Specific Use Permit to Egenio Tract and the Sheridan tract, 95.64 acres next to Live Oak Hills.
- Passed Resolution Number 041212-02 granting a Tax Abatement Agreement with Curtis C. Gunn, Ltd. And the City of Selma.

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website

**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:
May 3, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.**