

# 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.*

## Elected Officials

### Tom Daly, Mayor

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### Phill Swinney

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### Jose Silva

Councilman  
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## Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

A very exciting event took place on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The groundbreaking for the new Judson I.S.D. High School became official. The target date to open the doors is in 2017. The new high school will accommodate all the children of Selma attending public school without having to travel to Converse. It will also cut down on the overcrowding that plagues Judson and Wagner High Schools.

I want to thank Dr. Mackey and the Mayors of Live Oak, Converse and Universal City for playing a major role in supporting this important high school for not only our community but for all the communities around us.

We will keep you informed as to progress and work that City Staff has going on to make this a reality.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Tom Daly

## Welcome New Residents

Anthony Arculeo – Retama Springs

Billy & Chung Nolen – Olympia Hills

Matthew Densley – Kensington

Uriel Dominguez – Forest Creek

Curtis Cote – Live Oak Hills

Melania Mills – Retama Springs

Shaneka Miotchell – Retama Springs

Miguel Godinez – Kensington

Anishalin Helms – Retama Springs

Stephen Klink – Retama Springs

Javier Garza – Selma Park Estates

Robyn Wunderlich – Retama Ridge

Michael Shannon – Kensington

Teresa Bagett – Kensington

Bethany Sherwood – Retama West

Walter Moreno – Forest Creek

Natalie Wilson – Retama Springs

## 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. Should the drought continue, 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.

## Annual Water Quality Report

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2013. The complete report can viewed at:

<http://ci.selma.tx.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/59>

For more information regarding this report contact: Larry Verner, P.E., City Engineer, (210) 651-1038.

## River City Mother's Day Out & Fine Arts Program

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 2pm, River City's MDO program offers age-appropriate Bible lessons, music, and learning activities; a Fine Arts Program is offered for 3-4 year olds on Wednesdays. Fall classes start August 19th, Registration is Open now. For more information on this program and to enroll your child, go to [reallife.org/mdo](http://reallife.org/mdo) or call (210) 490-5262.



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### 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

## Reporting After Hours Minor Emergencies; Emergency 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 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Recap of the Selma City Council Meeting of July 10, 2014

- Citizens to be Heard – Mr. Eloy Gomez addressed his concerns as to lot maintenance of the property adjacent to his home. Mr. Gomez stated that high weeds contributed to the break-in at his home on July 8, 2014. Mr. Mark Ford spoke to his concern of a pothole and drainage issue on Utopia Boulevard. Mr. Jose Macias spoke to seek Council's approval of an exception to Ordinance 050814-01 to allow the American Diabetes Association to hold their "Tour de Cure" on May 9, 2015. Ms. Karen Rutledge presented Council with a letter asking the City Council to authorize the City Administrator and the City At-

torney to furnish her with information on removal of elected officials and public servants in the City of Selma. Ms. Maggie Titterington gave her monthly update on Chamber of Commerce activities. Mr. Alton Crane raised a question on City owned lots that are not maintained in accordance with City Ordinances for high weeds. He went on to ask when and how citizens could purchase City owned lots that are excess to City requirements. Lastly, Mr. Crane asked Council to consider spending more money on street maintenance and less money on parks and recreation. Ms. Barbra Wonch stated her opposition to

the City's entertaining any concept that improving streets by assessment on vacant lots in Selma Park Estates. Ms. Wonch questioned the logic of the purchase of the SWAT vehicle. She opined that those dollars could have been better spent on street and drainage improvements in Selma Park Estates.

- Approved the Minutes of the June 12, 2014 Selma Regular Monthly Council Meeting.
- Received a briefing from the Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority on a rate increase of 24 cents per one hundred gallons of sewage. This is one in what will be a year-



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

ly cost increase (through 2017) by CCMA to all their customers due to changes in the processing of raw sewage.

- Appointed Ms. Sue Young to the Selma Cultural Parks Commission with a term expiring June 30, 2016.
- Received a briefing from City Staff on funding possibilities outlined previously by Mr. Pete Arguello, Constituent Services Representative. FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants are not applicable for the

Lookout Widening Project. Transportation Investment Economic Recovery Grants (TIGER) are not applicable for the Lookout Road Project. However, City Staff is resubmitting the project to the MPO in September and we continue to work with a firm in Austin to seek other grant funding.

- Denied an exemption from the American Diabetes Association to hold a “Tour de Cure” bicycle event scheduled for May 9, 2015.

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website.

**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: August 14, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.**