

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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FALL CLEANUP

Mark your calendars! October 25th through November 2nd will be Fall Cleanup in Selma. Dumpsters will be located behind City Hall and in Selma Park Estates near the Retama Drainage Channel on Chippewa Boulevard. Household hazardous waste will be accepted behind City Hall on October 25th & 26th and then again on November 1st & 2nd between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Please bring proof that you are a resident of Selma.

Welcome New Residents

Carlos Carmona – Forest Creek
Tannette & Tyler Knox – Kensington
Jim Zhe & Bo Ram Li – Retama Springs
Brandy Conklin – Retreat at Retama
Christopher Maturey – Retama Ridge
Anthony Jones – Retama Ridge
John Hopper – Retama Ridge
Jim Palacio – Reserve at Retama
Rebeca & Bernardo Gutierrez – Retama Springs

Alexandra Murray – Retreat at Retama
Alex Brandon – Retreat at Retama
Indre Le Croy – Live Oak Hills
Ramiro Salgado – Selma Park Estates
Kevin Criel – Retama Springs
Kate Blankenship – Retama Ridge
Debbie Zaragoza – Retreat at Retama
Alice Meyer – Retama Springs
Caitlin Headley – Retama Springs

Welcome To Selma . . . Resources For Women

This organization offers help and free resources for those facing an unplanned pregnancy. In a safe, confidential and compassionate environment, learn what your choices are and find helpful resources. Please call (210) 651-1611 or at Resources4WomenP-CC@gmail.com. Come by the center at 15939 IH-35 South.

Upcoming Events:

September 26th & 27th - Kid's Closet Connection is having their local semi-annual sale offering an opportunity to purchase and donate "gently used" children's clothing for the coming school year. Where: Knights of Columbus Hall, 509 Schertz Parkway, Hours: 11am till 7pm on the 26th & 9am to 3pm on the 27th. For more information please call Brittany Giddens @ 391-9221.

National Night Out

This year's National Night Out is on October 7th. Please call Corporal Balderamas at Ph. 651-7815 to add your event to the list of stops by our Fire & Police Personnel!

Movie-in-the-Park

This Semi-Annual Event is on October 25th, @ 7:30 pm @ the Stage Stop Park. There will be free refreshments, face painting, popcorn, and candy. Don't forget to bring your blanket and chair! Look in next month's newsletter when we will release the name of the featured movie!

Congratulations Selma F.D.

At the September City Council Meeting, our Selma Fire Department was awarded an ISO Rating of 2 by the State of Texas Insurance Service Office. Fire Departments are rated on a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being the highest ranking a department can receive. Only 750 Fire Departments nationwide, and only 187 in Texas can claim this superb rating! There were 2,619 fire departments rated and Selma is in the top 7% of the State! The ISO organization is the source of how your fire insurance rates are set. Graded items include equipment, response time, training, staffing and ability to extinguish fires and assist the public in times of medical emergency. This ISO Rating ensures that fire insurance premiums will be low and more than affordable to our citizenry, both residential and commercial.

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 4 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 651.1036. 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.

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);

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

• 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.

“Courtesy Phone Calls” for Service Termination

As of the September billing cycle for water, sewer and garbage service, the City will no longer make a phone call to the customer to advise that their services are subject to termination. Bills are sent out on the first with a due date of the 15th. A late notice is sent to all customers not paying by the due date. That will be the last notification given prior to termination of service. Though, by far, most of our residents pay their bills on time. There are more and more that are paying late and the workload on the clerks simply does not allow for the time consuming task of a personal phone call to those not paying after two notices have been sent.

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.

Recap of the Selma City Council Meeting of September 11, 2014

- Citizens to be Heard – David Arroyo informed the Council of needed pot hole repairs and road maintenance to Old Evans Road. Eloy Gomez spoke to his concern on the impact of increased traffic on Evans Road with the opening of the new Judson I.S.D. High School in 2016. Maggie Titterington, President of the Schertz Chamber of Commerce, gave the monthly update of upcoming activities and events.
- Approved the Minutes of the August 14, 2014

Selma Regular Monthly Council Meeting.

- Approved the recommendation of the Selma Planning and Zoning Commission Amending Section 82-2 of the Code of Ordinances changing the definition of masonry by passing Ordinance Number 091114-01.
- Accepted the Recommendation of the Selma Planning and Zoning Commission to revise the design and materials used on non-residential buildings in the IH-35 Overlay District by



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

passing Ordinance Number 091114-02.

- Approved Ordinance Number 091114-03 amending Division 5 of Article III of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances to change the name of the Selma Cultural Parks Commission to the Selma Historical & Parks Commission.
- Accepted the recommendation of the Selma Planning and Zoning Commission on a plat establishing Kensington Ranch II Sub-division, Unit 5.
- Held a Public Hearing on the Selma City Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.
- Passed Resolution Number 091114 making appropriations for the support of the City Budget and passed the Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.
- Called a Special Council Meeting at 7:30

P.M. on September 18, 2014 to adopt the Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

- Authorized the City Administrator to sign an Air Monitoring Site Agreement between the City and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
- Directed Staff to advertise for bids for the reconstruction of Alton Boulevard in Selma Park Estates.
- Approved Resolution Number 091114-01 to continue to participate in tax abatement agreements and renewed amended guidelines and criteria for granting tax abatements.
- Appointed Ms. Madeline Burdett to fill a vacancy on the Selma Historical & Parks Commission.

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website.

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: October 9, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

City Offices to be Closed on Monday, October 13th
in observance of Columbus Day.