

# 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

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## Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

Once again our City demonstrated that we can come together on Neighborhood / National Night Out and enjoy a night of friendly unity amongst our neighbors and friends. There were twelve gatherings throughout our City and as your Mayor I want to say how much enjoyment I had seeing you all. I want to personally apologize for not being able to get to the park in Retama Springs and the Lookout Hollow Apartment gatherings. I will put you both first next year. A huge Thank You to every resident that organized and contributed to this wonderful National Night Out of 2014.

Please put two important dates on your calendar. First, October 25th will be Movie in the Park at the Stage Stop Park. Starting at dusk (around 7:30 pm) we will be showing "ParaNorman" as our Halloween movie. Free drinks, popcorn, candy and face painting will be available throughout the movie.

On January 17th at 9:00 a.m. we will have our Fifth Annual Selma/Schertz 5K Run to support our Wounded Warriors. The event will start and finish at the Bluebonnet Palace. Anyone wanting to run or volunteer please check our City website for registration and information.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Tom Daly

## Welcome New Residents

Jennifer Elliott – Retama Springs  
Rodrigo Sanchez – Kensington Ranch  
Kevin Best – Retama Springs  
Sarah McCafferty – Forest Creek  
James Rigsby – Live Oak Hills  
Rinnae & Leon Suggett  
Karen Seals – Creekside Gardens  
David Collins – Forest Creek

Rebecca Tharp – Forest Creek  
Lori Gandy – Kensington Ranch  
Douglas Ball – Retama Ridge  
Michael Tollinger – Retama Ridge  
Eric Schmidt – Forest Creek  
Timothy Arnold – Forest Creek  
Charnell Lucich – Retama Springs

## Pet Wellness Clinic and Registration Drive

The City along with Schertz Animal Hospital will be hosting a Pet Wellness Clinic Low Cost Vaccinations & Pet Registration Drive on Saturday, November 15th from 9am to 11am at the Stage Stop Visitor's Center located at 9374 Valhalla Drive. For more information, please call 651-7800.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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);
- 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.

#### 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

### Recap of the Selma City Council Meeting of October 9, 2014

- Citizens to be Heard – Ms. Maggie Titterington gave her update on the activities of the Schertz Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Jeremy Mello gave an update on the activities of the Selma Historical and Parks Commission and listed several actions they wish to accomplish in the coming year.
- Accepted the Minutes of the September 11, 2014 Selma Regular Monthly Council Meeting.
- Accepted the Minutes of the September 18, 2014 Selma Special City Council Meeting.
- Passed Ordinance Number 100914-01 to amend the Fee Schedule to reflect the Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority's rate increase for sewer services.
- Accepted the recommendation of the Sel-



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

ma Planning and Zoning Commission and approved the plat establishing Kensington Ranch II Subdivision, Unit 7, P.U.D.

- Performed the annual review of the Selma Investment Policy and Strategy.
- Conducted a Public Hearing and passed Ordinance Number 100914-02 establishing Tax Abatement Zone Number

Three on the 181 acres at the corner of Lookout Road and Schertz Parkway.

- Approved a Lease Agreement with T-Mobile to place a cell phone antenna on the top of the water tank behind Gillman Honda.
- Passed Resolution Number 100914-01 extending the Franchise Agreement between Bexar Waste and the City.

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website.

**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: November 13, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.**

City Offices to be Closed on Tuesday, November 11th  
in observance of Veterans Day.