

City of Seymour Texas

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CITY OF SEYMOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 17th, 2025, President's Day/City Hall Closed
- February 20th, 2025, City Council Meeting at City Hall Auditorium at 7:00 PM.
- February 22nd, 2025, from 9:00-10:30 AM Trout Fishing Tournament at Salt Fork Recreational Complex.
- June 28th, 2025, Kid's Fishing Tournament at the Big Stock Tank at Salt Fork Recreational Complex 9:00-10:30 AM
- July 23rd – 25th, 2025 City of Seymour Kids Golfing Camp. 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.



Pictured above Mrs. Lauren Bush, City Secretary attending the two-day Election Law Seminar in Round Rock, Texas. Elections hold great significance for small cities and their residents, fostering a sense of community and ensuring that local governance reflects the will of the people. The City of Seymour values fair and trust-worthy elections and strives to ensure that our election process is handled with integrity and transparency.

City Secretary Attends Election Law Seminar

Round Rock, Texas – In a proactive move to ensure the smooth and fair conduct of this year's community election, the City Secretary of Seymour, Texas, Mrs. Lauren Bush recently attended a comprehensive Election Law Seminar in Round Rock, Texas. The TMCCP seminar, held on January 23rd-24th aimed to equip Mrs. Bush with the latest knowledge and best practices in election administration.

Preparing for a Fair and Transparent Election

The City Secretary, Mrs. Bush represented Seymour at the seminar, which was organized by the Texas Municipal Clerks Association (TMC). The event brought together election officials from various cities across Texas to learn about the latest updates in election laws, procedures, and technologies. "Attending this seminar is a crucial step in our preparation for the upcoming community election," said Mrs. Bush "It's essential that we stay updated on the latest regulations and best practices to ensure a fair, transparent, and efficient election process for our community."

Key Topics Covered

The seminar covered a wide range of topics, including:

- **Election Law Updates:** Detailed information on recent changes to Texas election laws and how they impact local elections.
- **Voter Registration and Verification:** Best practices for maintaining accurate voter rolls and verifying voter eligibility.
- **Polling Place Management:** Strategies for managing polling places, including staff training, equipment setup, and voter assistance.
- **Election Security:** Measures to ensure the integrity and security of the election process, including cybersecurity and physical security protocols.
- **Accessibility and Inclusivity:** Ensuring that the election process is accessible to all voters, including those with disabilities and non-English speaking voters.

Networking and Collaboration

In addition to the educational sessions, the seminar provided a valuable opportunity for the City Secretary to network with other election officials from across the state. This collaboration allows for the sharing of experiences, challenges, and solutions, ultimately benefiting the communities they serve. "Networking with other election officials is incredibly valuable," stated Mrs. Bush. "We can learn from each other's experiences and bring back new ideas and practices to improve our own election processes."

Commitment to Excellence

The City Secretary's attendance at the Election Law Seminar underscores the city's commitment to excellence in election administration. By staying informed and prepared, Seymour aims to conduct an election that is fair, transparent, and accessible to all residents. "Our goal is to ensure that every eligible voter in Seymour has the opportunity to participate in the election process," said Mrs. Bush. "We are dedicated to upholding the highest standards of integrity and professionalism in everything we do."

Moving Forward

As the community election approaches, the City Secretary is working diligently to implement the knowledge and best practices gained from the seminar. This includes de-escalation in tense municipal situations, training poll workers, and ensuring that all necessary equipment and materials are in place. "We are excited to put what we've learned into action and to provide our community with a seamless and secure election experience," said Mrs. Bush "We encourage all residents to stay informed and engaged in the process." For more information about the upcoming community election in Seymour, residents are encouraged to visit the city's official website or contact the City Secretary's office at (940) 889-0023.

In conclusion, the City Secretary's participation in the Election Law Seminar in Round Rock, Texas, is a testament to Seymour's commitment to conducting a fair and transparent community election. By staying informed and prepared, the city aims to uphold the highest standards of election integrity and ensure that every eligible voter has confidence in our election process.

City of Seymour Department Updates

The Street Department, as reported by Supervisor **Ronnie Kolacek** reported that his department worked on right of way on South Donald Street, picked up concrete barriers to establish a safety boundary at the transfer station, and spent several days cleaning up ally ways and a few streets which consist of trimming trees and mulching brush.

The City of Seymour Electric Department, supervised by **John Joyce**, communicated that his department executed vehicle maintenance checks on vehicles to ensure each vehicle is in proper working order. The department cut brush out of power lines at various locations in the city and installed a light switch at City Hall. The Electric Department team attended a TEC Safety meeting, added outlets at golf course shop, repaired a fence on North Foley Street after a large limb fell on the fence and damaged a section, inspected a meter on Sunset Drive, and dragged brush.

Over the course of the last week, the **Reverse Osmosis Plant** under the supervision of John Davis produced 3.6 million gallons of treated water that was distributed to the City of Seymour and Baylor Water Supply Corporation. During the week plant operators monitored chlorine residuals around the town, monitored the amount of wastewater discharged from the plant, took daily readings on the primary RO units, cleaned and organized the main office, calibrated the feed and product water instrument panels, and began working on the 2024 Water Loss Audit.

The Seymour Police Department under the supervision of **Chief Bryce Sawyer** communicated that the department executed thirty-one citations, sixty-three warnings, and made five arrests in the month of December of 2024. This past week the department continued to make a difference keeping our community safe. The department executed one failure to comply with a sex offender registration requirements arrest, responded to a report of harassment, assisted the DPS with a DUI arrest, and investigated the use of fake money passed at a local business. The PD also responded to a vehicle accident and conducted routine security checks on residences as requested by community members.

The City of Seymour Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate has set out fifteen traps around town this week. As a result, Mr. Shumate has trapped only one skunk this week. Currently there are four dogs in the pound, two of the dogs were surrendered by their owners. Mr. Shumate picked up numerous deceased animals off the city streets and received six animal related calls.

The City of Seymour Water Department supervised by Chase Hoyt communicated his department rodded and cleaned out a sewer line on South Oak Street and repaired a major water leak on East Morris Street. The department responded to turn on and off of service for nonpayment, located multiple areas around town for upcoming water taps, prepared an inventory for the water tap project, updated the utility maps created by Jake Donnel and the Water Department, and performed maintenance on vehicles.