

City of Seymour Texas

At the Crossroads of North Texas

January 10th, 2025

“Weekly Beat”

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CITY OF SEYMOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 16th, 2025, City Council Meeting at City Hall Auditorium at 7:00 PM.
- 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 9:00-10:30 AM

Name: _____
Phone #: _____
Address: _____

Wall Mount: _____ Yard Mount: _____



Each flag costs ONLY \$50/year! Local Lion's Club volunteers will put up and take down the flags on each patriotic holiday at no additional cost to you! Please make checks payable to Seymour Lions Club & drop off your payment and order form at any of these locations: City of Seymour, Interbank, Peoples Bank, or Herring Bank. Thank you for your donation!

PATRIOTIC HOLIDAYS	DATE	FLAGS OUT DATE	FLAGS PICK UP DATE
WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	FEB. 17, 2025	FEB. 14, 2025	FEB. 18, 2025
MEMORIAL DAY	MAY 26, 2025	MAY 23, 2025	MAY 27, 2025
FLAG DAY	JUNE 14, 2025	JUNE 13, 2025	JUNE 16, 2025
INDEPENDENCE DAY	JULY 4, 2025	JULY 1, 2025	JULY 7, 2025
PATRIOTS DAY (9/11)	SEPT. 11, 2025	SEPT. 8, 2025	SEPT. 12, 2025
VETERANS DAY	NOV. 11, 2025	NOV. 10, 2025	NOV. 12, 2025

The Seymour Lions Club is beginning a new fund raiser to magnify Seymour's patriotism by placing flags by participating members on six designated major patriotic holidays. To participate in this awesome program please fill out the form by coming by City Hall and returning the form to the City Hall, Interbank, or People's Bank with a check made out to Seymour Lion's Club or cash of \$50.00. The \$50.00 will cover all six holidays and the Lion's Club will set the flag, put the flag out, and pick the flag up for each participant. The Lion's Club will contact you to ensure the flag is put out at your desired location. The flag project will begin on February 14th, 2025, when a flag will be placed out in front of the home or business of participants for the duration of each holiday. The flags all over town will demonstrate the patriotism of Seymour as we honor our country and those who have served so proudly. The funds generated from this project will be reinvested back to the community.

City of Seymour Celebrates a Year of Achievements from 2024

Seymour, TX - As the 2024-year ends, the City of Seymour reflects and celebrates on a year marked by notable achievements and community development, showcasing the collaborative spirit and resilience of our community.

The City of Seymour is proud to celebrate the successful completion of several major infrastructure projects aimed at enhancing the quality of life for its residents and fostering economic growth this past year. A few of these initiatives, which include the airport lighting rehabilitation project, the creation of a remote work center, and the cleanup of dilapidated properties, reflect the city's commitment to progress and community development. One of the most significant infrastructures upgrades this year was the rehabilitation of the airport lighting system and the seal coating of the airport's apron and approaches. This project involved the installation of state-of-the-art lighting fixtures along the runway and taxiways, ensuring improved visibility and safety for pilots and passengers. The new lighting system is expected to attract more air traffic to Seymour, boosting local businesses and providing greater connectivity for residents and visitors. The city also established a new remote work center. This facility offers high-speed internet, comfortable workstations, and collaborative spaces designed to meet the needs of remote workers and small businesses. The remote work center provides a convenient and professional environment for individuals seeking to work outside traditional office settings, fostering innovation and productivity within the community. As part of its ongoing efforts to beautify and revitalize the city, Seymour has undertaken the cleanup of several dilapidated properties and through a grant scheduled a tire cleanup effort ridding the community of hundreds of old tires. These efforts include demolishing unsafe structures, clearing debris, and preparing the sites for potential redevelopment. The cleanup initiative has not only improved the appearance of their respective neighborhood but also enhanced public safety and property values. The City also focused on the rehabilitation of more water wells that were put on line increasing the cities access to water. Additionally, the City completed the process of certifying another water well east of town through TCEQ to set up the addition of three more water wells over the next several years. To further enhance the water distribution system, the Water Tower was drained, cleaned, sand blasted, repainted and put back into service to maintain the future life of the City's water tower.

The City of Seymour is also excited about the progress made over the past year on completing the 2021-2022 audit and will have the 2022-2023 audit completed in the next month. The City of Seymour completed the hiring of a new finance director who is leading in the total restructuring of the finance department in the city's ongoing commitment to enhancing efficiency, transparency, and financial management. The end of 2024 also marked the end of a long arduous process where the City of Seymour finally entered into an agreement with Brazos Electric for a designated "Transmission Operator." Seymour has been working toward this goal for the past five years. For a minimal cost Seymour now has an official agreement that has been implemented to protect the city in case the PUC requires that the city sheds electricity in the case of a shortage. To achieve this goal there must be a Transmission Operator agreement.

In the category of community engagement and transparency, the City Administrator's on-going issues of "The Weekly Beat" column has been a cornerstone of improved communication. Each week, the column provides residents with detailed updates on municipal operations, fostering transparency and building trust within the community. This open dialogue has strengthened the bond between the city, city council, mayor, and its citizens, encouraging active participation and civic engagement. This past year the City of Seymour has implemented and or improved on many community engagement activities such as the Rainbow Trout Fishing Tournament, Summer Golf Camp for kids, Haunted City Hall, Kids Catfish Fishing Tournament, Christmas of Lights Parade, and the "100 Year City Hall Celebration." Community engagement activities play a pivotal role in enhancing the quality of life for every citizen. By fostering a sense of belonging and unity, these activities bring residents together to work towards common goals, leading to stronger social bonds and a more resilient community.

The completion of this past year's projects underscores Seymour's dedication to creating a vibrant, resilient community. By investing in modern amenities and addressing critical needs, the city is paving the way for a brighter future. As Seymour continues to evolve and grow, these improvements serve as a foundation for sustained success and community well-being. The city looks forward to building on this momentum and exploring new opportunities to enhance the quality of life for all residents throughout the year of 2025 and beyond.

Remember that City Hall and the City Administration has an open-door policy. Please feel welcome to come by and celebrate our successes or communicate any concerns you may have about our city. Only through open dialogue and effective communication can we find opportunities to work together to make Seymour better today and for future generations.

City of Seymour Department Updates

The Street Department, as reported by Supervisor **Ronnie Kolacek** reported that his department chipped brush at the transfer station and assisted the Electric Department picking up decorative lights on Washington Street. The department also mowed the airport and during the cold mornings worked on repairing a vehicle.

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 Electric Department performed weekly readings of reclosures and completed locates for customers. The department also repaired a transformer on South Foley Street, trimmed out a service line on South Foley Street, trimmed a service and primary line off Stadium Drive, and repaired a primary neutral on Stadium Drive. During the inclement weather the department cleaned and straightened up the Electric Yard, repaired a streetlight for the Housing Authority, restored power at a residence on Tackitt Street, moved service at the same location, and repaired the heater vents on Truck 80.

The City of Seymour **Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate** has set out numerous traps around town. As a result, Mr. Shumate has trapped four skunks, three racoons, six cats, and met with PAWS representative Lisa Nelson and the City Administrator to discuss a partnership to further remedy the over population of feral cats in the community.

The Seymour Police Department under the supervision of **Chief Bryce Sawyer** communicated that the department executed multiple welfare checks on individuals, administered a terroristic threat arrest, issued a criminal trespass on an individual, and responded to multiple disturbance calls. The Police Department enacted a funeral escort and revoked a peddlers permit from an individual acting unbecoming as expected based on an investigation by the police chief.

Over the course of the last week, the **Reverse Osmosis Plant** under the supervision of John Davis produced 3.5 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, changed the pre-filters in one of the primary RO trains, and completed the end of the month reports required by TCEQ.

The City of Seymour Water Department supervised by **Chase Hoyt** communicated his department continuously monitored water tower and booster stations for potential freezes to ensure the systems were not compromised during the inclement weather. The department also back filled open holes from leak repairs, repaired a leak on East McClain, and replaced twelve out of date water meters for new updated meters. The department also spent time cleaning and organizing their department headquarters.