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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 Street Department Supervisor Ronnie Kolacek runs the dozer demolishing the property as David Mailhos observes ensuring the safety of Mr. Kolacek and providing assistance as needed.

Seymour, TX – In a significant move towards cleaning up the town, the City of Seymour has successfully demolished another long-standing dilapidated property on North Main Street. The removal of the unsightly and unsafe structure marks a positive step forward for the community.

The property, which had become an eyesore and a potential hazard, was taken down as part of the city's ongoing efforts to improve public safety and enhance the overall aesthetics of the area. The decision to demolish the building was made after careful consideration of its condition and the potential benefits to the community. Mayor Mark McCord commented on the demolition, stating, "This action is a part of our commitment to ensuring a safer and more beautiful Seymour. Removing this deteriorated structure not only eliminates a safety risk but also opens up opportunities for potential new development that can benefit our residents."

The City of Seymour remains dedicated to fostering a vibrant and thriving community through initiatives like this, ensuring that Seymour continues to be a great place to live, work, and grow.

John Joyce Enhances Skills at Regulator Recloser Capacitor School

Seymour, Texas – The City of Seymour is proud to announce that John Joyce, the Electric Department Supervisor, has recently attended the prestigious Regulator Recloser Capacitor School. This advanced training program, held in Merkel, Texas, is designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of electric utility professionals, ensuring they are well-equipped to manage the complexities of modern electrical systems.

The Regulator Recloser Capacitor School offers comprehensive training on the operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of regulators, reclosers, and capacitors. These critical components play a vital role in maintaining the reliability and efficiency of electric distribution systems. By attending this program, Mr. Joyce has gained valuable insights and techniques that will benefit the city's electric department and its residents.

Mr. Joyce has been with the Seymour Electric Department for six years, bringing a wealth of experience and dedication to the role. Mr. Joyce's participation in this prestigious program is a testament to the city's ongoing efforts to invest in professional development and ensure that its workforce remains at the forefront of industry standards.

"I'm excited to bring back the knowledge and skills I gained from this training to benefit our community," said Supervisor John Joyce "The insights and techniques learned at the Regulator Recloser Capacitor School will help us improve our electric distribution system's performance and reliability."

City Administrator Dr. Jeff Brasher expressed pride in Mr. Joyce's accomplishment, stating, "We are committed to providing excellent service to our residents, and professional development opportunities like this are essential for our team's growth and success. Mr. Joyce's attendance at this prestigious program is a significant step forward for our electric department."

As Seymour continues to improve its infrastructure, investments in training and development ensure that the city's infrastructure remains robust and reliable. The city's electric department is dedicated to maintaining high standards of service and innovation, ensuring that residents enjoy a safe and reliable power supply.

City Receives “Unmodified Opinion” in 2023 Audit

Seymour, TX – The City of Seymour has received an unmodified opinion in the audit for the fiscal year 2023, as reported by Paul Fleming from Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming, PC. The 2023 audit, will be presented during the February city council meeting by Mr. Fleming, confirming that the city's financial records are in order, with no discrepancies or irregularities found. Paul Fleming, the lead auditor, highlighted the financial management and transparency demonstrated by the city's administration. "The City received an audit with an unmodified opinion, which is what everyone strives for." Mayor Mark McCord expressed his satisfaction with the audit results, stating, "We are proud to have received an unmodified opinion for the 2023 audit. It reflects our commitment to transparency and good governance. We will continue to work hard to ensure the financial health of our city continues to improve."

The unmodified opinion is expected to boost public confidence in the city's financial practices and encourages further investment in local projects and services. Residents of Seymour can take pride in knowing that their city's finances are being managed effectively and ethically. The fiscal year 2024 audit is in progress and is expected to be completed by June of 2025, aligning our audit records. With the transition to a new business manager and improved accounting practices the City fully expects to maintain up to date audits and finances each year moving forward.

City of Seymour Department Updates

The Street Department, as reported by Supervisor **Ronnie Kolacek** reported that his department continued their efforts to cleanup and improve access to the city's alley ways, patched potholes, cleaned ditches, patched a road going out to the RO Plant, and added safety features to the City's transfer station.

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 put back into service a light behind the Chamber building to improve visibility, added a light switch in the City Hall business office, changed out electric plugs in the business office, restored power at the 800 block of Reeves Road, and disconnected and then reconnected service at a residence on South Cedar. The department also changed out a transformer and mainline fuses near Montgomery Tractor and Electric Department Supervisor John Joyce attended Regulator Recloser Capacitor School.

Over the course of the last week, the **Reverse Osmosis Plant** under the supervision of John Davis produced 3.4 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, and collected the monthly labs that monitor our water supply for bacterial contaminants.

The Seymour Police Department under the supervision of **Chief Bryce Sawyer** communicated that the department made an arrest on an Archer County warrant, mediated several civil matters, assisted CPS with an ongoing investigation, and attended a peace officers' training provided by the 50th District Attorney's Office. The Police Department also assisted the EMS on a call, conducted school safety visits, and conducted routine traffic enforcement.

The City of Seymour Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate reported that he has had six dogs in the pound this week and currently has two dogs in the pound. Mr. Shumate has removed three skunks, one squirrel, and one cat from the community. He also received seven animal related calls this week and Dr. Tucker gave two rabies vaccinations this week to dogs in the pound.

The City of Seymour Water Department supervised by Chase Hoyt communicated his department rodded sewer lines on Morris, Pecan, McLain, Reiman, Cora, Donald, and Plainview Streets. The department also excavated a manhole on North Donald Street and added an extension for future access, repaired a water leak on Radio Lane and began installing water taps for new service at the Seymour ISD housing addition.