

City of Seymour Texas

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“Weekly Beat”

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CITY OF SEYMOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 7th to April 13th, 2025, Clean-Up Week
- April 17th, 2025, City Council Meeting at City Hall: 7:00 PM
- May 15th, 2025, City Council Meeting at City Hall at 7:00 PM.
- May 26th, 2025 (Memorial Day) Splash Day: City Hall Closed
- 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.

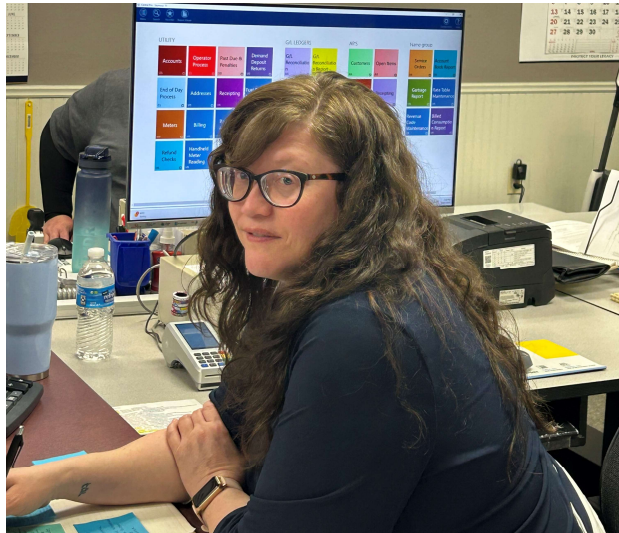
Seymour City Team Strengthens Skills with Code Enforcement Training



Pictured above City of Seymour employees Rick Shumate, Lauren Bush, Judge Jim Castagna, and Chief Sawyer are attending a Code Enforcement training provided by Eric Ransleben, City Prosecutor. City Administrator Dr. Jeff Brasher also attended the training.

The City of Seymour understands the value of a strong code enforcement team. In the City of Seymour, the role goes beyond regulations and ordinances—it's a cornerstone of a thriving, safe, and aesthetically pleasing community. Code enforcement ensures that properties are maintained, and neighborhoods remain clean and orderly. From addressing overgrown lawns to ensuring zoning compliance, the team works tirelessly to preserve the quality of life for residents and promote Seymour as an inviting and vibrant place to live and visit. Their efforts play a key role in protecting public health, reducing hazards, and encouraging responsible property maintenance, benefiting all members of the community. Additionally, a robust code enforcement program supports Seymour's economic growth by attracting new businesses and residents. Well-maintained properties signal a commitment to progress and pride, boosting property values and fostering a sense of community pride. The City of Seymour's code enforcement team stands as a quiet but critical partner in shaping the town's future—one well-kept property at a time. Their diligence ensures that the city remains not only a safe and beautiful place but also a beacon of opportunity for generations to come.

Alicia Rutledge Joins the City of Seymour Team



Pictured above new front desk clerk Alicia Rutledge who began working for the City on March 31st, 2025.

Seymour, TX- The City of Seymour proudly welcomes Alicia Rutledge, who began her role as front desk clerk at City Hall on March 31, 2025. Bringing an impressive background and versatile skill set, Alicia is set to become an integral part of the city's operations. In her new role, Alicia will handle front desk responsibilities while also cross-training in the finance department. Additionally, she will assist both the Judicial Court and City Secretary with court payment processing, ensuring smooth and efficient service for the community. Her multifaceted role highlights her adaptability and dedication to serving Seymour's residents. Alicia's professional journey before joining the City of Seymour is equally notable. She gained valuable experience working with Bigg's Pizza and as an Assistant Production Coordinator in Austin, Texas. She further honed her organizational and project management skills during her time as an Executive Assistant and Project Manager at the *Austin Chronicle*. After relocating to Seymour, Alicia is excited to bring her expertise and enthusiasm to her new position. The city is confident that her diverse background and commitment to excellence will have a positive impact on operations and the community at large. The City of Seymour is thrilled to have Alicia on board and looks forward to her contributions. Residents and colleagues alike are encouraged to join in welcoming Alicia to the team!

City of Seymour Launches Text Messaging Payment System for Customers

The City of Seymour is embracing innovation by introducing a new text messaging payment system for its customers, aimed at streamlining processes and improving convenience. This cutting-edge service allows residents to receive notifications about their utility bills, including new statements and upcoming due dates, directly on their mobile devices. Soon, are the days of waiting for paper bills or missing deadlines due to oversight. With this system, customers will be able to make payments via text, creating efficiencies for both the public and city staff. The initiative not only enhances customer convenience but also reduces administrative workload, allowing staff to focus on other important tasks. This new feature reflects Seymour's commitment to leveraging technology to better serve its residents. The City encourages all customers to sign up for the text messaging payment option and experience firsthand the simplicity and efficiency it brings. Stay tuned for further updates as Seymour continues to implement innovative solutions to meet the community's needs! If you would like more information, please contact Nita Hons in City Hall at (940) 889-0023.

Building a Better Seymour: Departmental News and Initiatives

Street Department Supervisor Ronnie Kolacek announced remarkable progress in improving operations and infrastructure. His team worked diligently, assisting the Water Department by moving dirt, preparing for Cleanup Week by mulching limbs, and maintaining city properties by mowing and cleaning sidewalks along 422. Additionally, the department focused on improving transportation by blading dirt roads within city limits and patching potholes to ensure smoother travel for residents. Their efforts reflect a dedication to enhancing Seymour's public spaces and infrastructure.

Under the leadership of **John Joyce, the Seymour Electric Department** had a productive week, carrying out several key projects and maintenance tasks to ensure reliable service for the community. The team conducted weekly vehicle maintenance checks and reclosure readings, trimmed trees along Thomas Street and the 900 block of Oak Street, and performed service line repairs for multiple locations, including the Methodist Church and properties on South Washington Street, East Oregon Street, and North East Street. Power was disconnected at 700 East Morris Street and reinstalled for the 500 block of South Washington Street. Additionally, the department worked on the park fountain.

Under the leadership of **Chief Sawyer, the Seymour Police Department** had a productive and impactful week. Officers made several arrests, including one for possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone and another for possession of a criminal instrument. The department also provided vital community support by assisting with a funeral escort and ensuring safety through traffic enforcement in a school zone. In addition to field operations, professional development was a priority this week. Sergeant Deanda completed an intensive 40-hour training program hosted by the DEA and FBI, enhancing his expertise in law enforcement practices. Chief Sawyer also attended Code Enforcement Training, furthering the department's commitment to serving the community with excellence. These efforts underscore the department's dedication to public safety, community engagement, and continuous improvement.

Under the leadership of **Supervisor Chase Hoyt, the City of Seymour Water Department** had a busy and productive week. The team located a sewer line at the SISD housing addition, replaced a broken meter can and valve on Stratton Street, and performed important maintenance by jetting a sewer line off Washington. Additionally, they cleaned and organized the shop and office, updated critical information in the Diamond Maps program, and replaced a bearing on a vital component at the Waste Water Plant, ensuring smooth operations. Their efforts reflect a commitment to maintaining and improving the city's water infrastructure.

Seymour's dedicated **Animal Control Officer, Rick Shumate**, has been hard at work, ensuring the safety and balance of our community. In recent weeks, Mr. Shumate successfully removed numerous wildlife from the area, including three skunks, two squirrels, two raccoons, two possums, and six cats, showcasing his expertise in handling diverse animal situations with care. Responding to eight animal-related calls, Mr. Shumate's commitment to the community remains steadfast. He also attended a specialized Code Enforcement training to expand his skills and knowledge, highlighting his dedication to professional growth. Additionally, Rick safely released two dogs, including one that had been quarantined for rabies monitoring, ensuring proper health protocols were followed. As of now, the pound is clear, with no dogs currently under his care. Mr. Shumate's efforts remind us of the importance of animal control in maintaining harmony between wildlife and the residents of Seymour. His hard work and attention to detail continue to make a positive impact in our community.

Over the course of the last week, the **Reverse Osmosis Plant** under the supervision of John Davis produced an impressive 3.8 million gallons of treated water, delivering vital resources to both the City of Seymour and Baylor Water Supply Corporation. Mr. Davis worked diligently to ensure water quality and system efficiency by monitoring chlorine residuals throughout the community, tracking wastewater discharge from the facility, and conducting daily readings on the primary RO units. Mr. Davis's efforts also included titrating chemical feeds, performing quality control checks on both handheld and continuous analyzers, and successfully filing the Disinfectant Level Quarterly Operating Report with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). These comprehensive measures underscore the plant's commitment to maintaining the highest standards in water treatment and distribution.

Electric Department Employees Restoring Fountain to Beautify City Park



Seymour's City Park has regained a centerpiece of tranquility, thanks to the hard work and dedication of Electric Department employees John Joyce and Johnathon Olinger. The duo recently took on the project of repairing and restoring the park's fountain, ensuring it could once again serve as a symbol of beauty and relaxation for the community.

The fountain, which had been out of service through the winter months, required meticulous attention to detail to bring it back to life. John and Johnathon worked diligently, utilizing their expertise to address the issues and return the fountain to its full functionality. After their efforts, the fountain has been placed back into service, once again gracing the park with the calming sound of cascading water and enhancing the area's atmosphere.

This project highlights the City of Seymour's commitment to maintaining and improving public spaces for its residents. The restored fountain not only beautifies the park but also provides a serene setting where families and individuals can gather, unwind, and enjoy nature.

The city extends its gratitude to John Joyce and Johnathon Olinger for their exceptional work and dedication to making Seymour a more inviting and peaceful place for everyone. Their efforts remind us all of the importance of teamwork and community pride.

Be sure to visit City Park to experience this renewed fountain and appreciate the hard work that brought it back to life! Along with the restored fountain, the community can take advantage of the park's walking trail, perfect for exercise or a peaceful stroll. Families and friends can also enjoy the frisbee golf course and playground, offering fun and recreation for all ages. Looking ahead, the city is excited to announce that the City Pool will be opening on May 26th, 2025, for "Splash Day" adding another inviting feature to this cherished space.