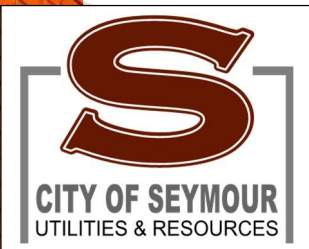




April 25th, 2025

“Weekly Beat”

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CITY OF SEYMOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.

County Commissioners Approve New Dispatcher Pay Scale to Strengthen Emergency Services



Seymour, Texas- During the April 25, 2025, Baylor County Commissioners meeting, officials took a significant step toward improving dispatcher wages and certifications, ensuring high-quality emergency response services for the community and county. Recognizing the importance of retaining skilled professionals, the commissioners voted to implement a new pay scale system, designed to attract and maintain appropriately certified staff within the City and County dispatch services. Sheriff White proposed the updated pay structure, which begins dispatchers at \$18.00 per hour. As employees attain certifications, their hourly wage increases accordingly, rewarding ongoing professional development. This model not only incentivizes training but also ensures dispatchers are equipped with the necessary skills to handle emergency calls with efficiency and precision. Commissioners unanimously approved the pay scale activation date of May 1, 2025, setting the stage for improved compensation and a more competitive hiring process. The next step will be a City Council review the pay scale at their next City Council meeting, where alderman will discuss the proposal and its impact on local emergency response operations.

Seymour Needs Dedicated Pool Staff to Create a Safe and Fun Summer



IMPORTANT POOL DATES

- **Mandatory Lifeguard Meeting on May 13th, 2025, at 4:00 PM at City Hall**
- **Lifeguard Certification Training is scheduled for May 24th and 25th 2025 at Seymour City Pool.**
- **City Pool Opens on May 26th, 2025 (Splash Day)**

Seymour, Texas- As summer approaches, the City of Seymour is preparing to open its community pool, a place where families gather, kids learn to swim, and memories are made. However, ensuring a safe, positive, and welcoming environment for all starts with the right team—and that's where YOU come in.

The city is actively looking for responsible, team-oriented, and hardworking individuals to step up as lifeguards and a pool manager. These roles are more than just summer jobs—they're opportunities to lead, protect, and bring joy to our community.

Why Lifeguards and a Pool Manager Matter

Behind every great day at the pool is a team of dedicated leaders who keep watch, enforce safety rules, and create an atmosphere where everyone feels welcome. A strong lifeguard crew and an engaged pool manager ensure:

- **Safety First** – Protecting swimmers and preventing accidents.
- **Friendly Community Vibes** – Encouraging fun while fostering respect and responsibility.
- **Teamwork & Leadership** – Building valuable skills that last a lifetime.

Who Should Apply?

If you're reliable, energetic, and eager to make a difference, this is your chance to be a part of something meaningful! Lifeguards must be focused, quick-thinking, and confident, while the pool manager will play a key role in organizing staff, overseeing operations, and ensuring every visitor enjoys a smooth and safe swimming experience.

Join the Team!

The City of Seymour is committed to creating a positive, safe, and fun swimming environment for everyone. But that mission can't be accomplished without a strong team—so if you're ready to step up, dive in, and make an impact, now is the time to apply. Contact City Administrator Dr. Jeffrey Brasher at (940) 889-0023 for more information or pick up an application at City Hall at 301 N. Washington Street.

Building a Better Seymour: Departmental News and Initiatives

Under the supervision of **Ronnie Kolacek**, the **Seymour Street Department** has been actively working to maintain and enhance the city's infrastructure. Their recent efforts have focused on cleanup, maintenance, and repairs to ensure a safe and well-kept environment for residents. During Cleanup Week, the department took on the task of mulching brush to assist with debris management and beautification efforts. This process helps reduce waste while promoting sustainable land maintenance. In addition to this, the team mowed various city properties, keeping parks, street sides, and public spaces neat and accessible. Drain cleanouts were completed throughout town to improve water flow and prevent blockages, reducing potential flooding risks. Road safety was also addressed, as the team replaced worn or damaged street signs to ensure clear visibility for drivers and pedestrians. Alongside this, the department repaired essential equipment, keeping the city machinery in top condition for continued use. The Seymour Street Department plays a critical role in the daily operations and upkeep of the community, and their commitment to these tasks reflects their dedication to making Seymour a safe and welcoming place for all. Their hard work and efficiency ensure that the city remains clean, functional, and prepared for future needs.

The **Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant** under the supervision of **John Davis** has completed another productive week, ensuring the continuous delivery of high-quality treated water to the City of Seymour and Baylor Water Supply Corporation. Over the course of the week, the plant produced 3.7 million gallons of treated water, maintaining essential services for residents and businesses alike. Plant operator remained diligent in monitoring and maintaining the system's efficiency. Mr. Davis regularly tracked chlorine residuals throughout town to ensure water quality standards remained optimal. Additionally, he monitored wastewater discharge levels to regulate output and comply with environmental requirements. Daily readings were taken on the primary RO units, keeping close tabs on plant performance and water purification levels. The operator also performed necessary maintenance, including changing pre-filters on one of the primary RO trains to uphold filtration effectiveness. Further system calibrations were carried out on the feed water and product water instrument panels, ensuring accurate readings and efficient operations. The Reverse Osmosis Plant remains a critical asset to Seymour's water supply, delivering safe, clean, and well-regulated water to the community. The city's continued commitment to maintenance and monitoring ensures reliability and sustainability in water distribution.

The **Seymour Water Department**, under the leadership of **Chase Hoyt**, has been hard at work this week ensuring the city's water infrastructure remains well-maintained and fully operational. Crews tackled mowing duties around water towers and lift stations, keeping public utility areas clear and accessible. At the booster station, a limit switch was repaired, ensuring smooth functionality for water distribution. Additionally, necessary vacuum hose repairs were completed to maintain efficient system performance. Routine maintenance extended to cleaning gutters at the department's shop, preventing buildup and improving drainage. The team also conducted hydrant flushing, an important process to sustain water quality and proper flow throughout the city. Further efforts included clearing a storm culvert to improve street drainage and addressing a water leak behind the street barn, ensuring prompt repair to prevent further issues. These ongoing projects reflect the Water Department's dedication to keeping Seymour's infrastructure in top shape, ensuring reliability and efficiency for residents and businesses alike.

The **Seymour Police Department**, under the leadership of **Chief Bryce Sawyer** remains dedicated to protecting and serving the community through ongoing operations, enforcement efforts, and assistance in key situations. Over the past week, officers have conducted several tasks to ensure public safety, crime prevention, and emergency response preparedness. Officers performed numerous security checks for residents who were on vacation, ensuring their homes remained safe and secure in their absence. These proactive patrols offer peace of mind to community members and help deter criminal activity. The department assisted the Baylor County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) in the search for a missing person, demonstrating interagency cooperation in critical situations. Additionally, officers participated in Close Quarters Battle (CQB) training alongside BCSO and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TXPWD), strengthening tactical response skills for emergency situations. In law enforcement efforts, two new felony cases were submitted to the District Attorney's Office, ensuring the continued pursuit of justice. Officers also remained vigilant in traffic enforcement around school zones, prioritizing the safety of children and pedestrians. Community welfare remains a high priority, and officers responded to numerous welfare checks, assisting residents in need and ensuring their well-being. Through diligence and dedication, the Seymour Police Department continues to uphold its commitment to public safety, working tirelessly to protect the community. Residents are encouraged to reach out with concerns or requests, knowing their law enforcement officers are always ready to serve.

The **Salt Fork Municipal Golf Course** in Seymour supervised by **Todd Hrcirik** has been undergoing essential upkeep and improvements this week, ensuring the facility remains in top condition for golfers and visitors. The maintenance team has been hard at work tackling various projects to enhance the course's playability and overall appearance. Brush clearing along the entry road was completed, improving visibility and accessibility for incoming golfers and the cart paths were graded to ensure smooth rides throughout the course. The fairways have been freshly mowed, providing smooth playing conditions and keeping the course well-manicured. In addition, the greens have undergone verticutting a critical process that helps maintain turf health and ensures a high-quality putting surface. Further refinements included sweeping the greens and tee boxes, removing debris and smoothing out imperfections to optimize play. These improvements contribute to the course's ongoing efforts to provide a well-maintained, enjoyable, and competitive golfing experience for players of all skill levels. The City of Seymour remains committed to preserving the beauty and functionality of the Salt Fork Municipal Golf Course, ensuring that local golfers and visitors continue to enjoy a top-tier recreational space.

Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate has had a demanding week responding to various wildlife and domestic animal situations across Seymour. His dedication to keeping the community safe and managing local animal concerns has been evident in his extensive workload. Among his many duties, Mr. Shumate successfully picked up three wild dogs at the RO Plant and handled a stray by picking up and releasing one dog on Nevada Street. Additionally, he responded to multiple wildlife incidents, including the removal of two dead squirrels, two raccoons, two cats, and twelve possums. His week also included unique challenges, such as removing bees at City Hall, safely capturing a wild hog near the park, and freeing a blackbird that had flown into the teachers' lounge at the Middle School. With a total of eleven animal-related calls, his role remains critical in ensuring both animal welfare and public safety in the community. Through his hard work and responsiveness, Officer Shumate continues to play an essential role in addressing animal concerns and keeping Seymour's residents informed and protected.

The **Electric Department**, under the supervision of **John Joyce**, has completed a busy and productive week ensuring Seymour's electrical infrastructure remains in top condition. Regular vehicle maintenance checks were conducted to keep department equipment running smoothly, alongside weekly readings of reclosures to monitor system performance. The team also performed essential location services, assisting with underground utility mapping for safe construction and repairs. Among the week's major tasks, a broken service line was fixed, and power was successfully reinstalled along North Main. Brush was cleared to maintain accessibility in key areas, and an inspection of the solar system at a residence on N. Foley resulted in a meter replacement to ensure accurate readings. Routine mowing was carried out around the department's shop, keeping the worksite clean and manageable. Infrastructure improvements continued with cutout updates on East Nevada, followed by power reinstallations on West Oregon and at the Grossman/Nursing Home facility. A decorative light on Washington was repaired, enhancing nighttime visibility and aesthetics for residents. To ensure thorough system monitoring, the crew conducted a drive-through inspection of circuit 4, checking for potential issues across the electrical grid. In addition to these operational duties, the department installed new rigging and hung a flag at the Portwood Pavillion, completing a meaningful display for the community. Their ongoing maintenance and improvement efforts reflect a strong commitment to ensuring reliable electrical services and a well-kept city for all residents.

Dedication runs deep—literally!



Water Department employee Alonzo Avila tackles a 1" PVC leak near the City of Seymour Street Barn, submerged up to his neck repairing a leak. When the vacuum trailer (the equipment used to draw out all the excess water out of the hole) was filled with water in mid-repair, Alonzo didn't hesitate to dive in and get the job done. The trailer was later emptied, allowing the Water Department to finish tightening the bolts in the dry. Talk about going above and beyond!

These acts of determination and commitment are common among the staff in the City of Seymour, where employees go above and beyond to ensure essential services run smoothly. Whether handling infrastructure repairs, maintaining public spaces, or responding to unexpected challenges, Seymour's team consistently shows hard work, resilience, and a willingness to step up—even when the job requires getting drenched. Their dedication keeps the city running, proving time and again that service isn't just about a title—it's about showing up, no matter the conditions and making a difference.