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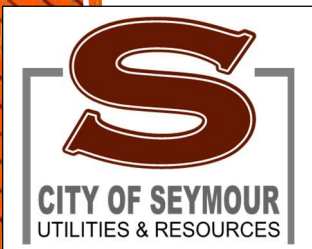
CITY OF SEYMOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 26th, 2025 (Memorial Day) City Hall Closed (Pool Opens)
- May 31st, 2025, Splash Day: 12-1 Senior Swim 1-6 Pool Opens
- 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 Water Department employees Alonzo Avila and Joseph Trepanier work diligently to dig around a large water main so that the valve can be replaced. Jake Donnel is overseeing the digging to ensure safety and compliance.

Residents may have noticed ongoing work in downtown Seymour this week as the Seymour Water Department, led by Supervisor Chase Hoyt, tackled the repair of a faulty water valve in a key section of the city's water system. The crew carefully removed bricks from the affected area, taking a strategic approach to ensure efficient work while preserving the integrity of the street. The valve, located within a six-inch water line, requires specialized handling due to the high-pressure nature of the system. To minimize the chance of service disruptions and ensure a precise repair, the City of Seymour has opted to outsource the valve replacement to Premier Water, a third-party expert in complex water infrastructure projects. Once the valve is successfully replaced, the street will be restored, and the carefully removed bricks will be put back in place, returning the area to its original condition. This effort highlights the Water Department's dedication to maintaining essential services while minimizing inconveniences to residents.



Elementary Students Dive into Learning at Water Day Event at Salt Fork Golf Complex



Pictured above students are seen engaging in various learning settings. Pictured left TPWD samples the aquatic environment, center Lynn Seman discusses fish identification, and right Texas Master Naturalist is demonstrating how to tie a knot on a fishing rod and the students were taught the proper techniques for casting a rod.

Excitement filled the air at the Salt Fork Recreational Complex as students from Seymour participated in the annual Water Day, an AgriLife event supported and organized by Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District (GCD). This year's location provided greater flexibility, allowing students and educators to engage in hands-on learning experiences focused on water conservation, aquatic ecosystems, and natural resource management.

A total of 85 third and fourth graders, accompanied by six classroom teachers, explored interactive exhibits led by experts from various organizations dedicated to environmental education. The Rolling Plains Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program guided students through fishing education and knot tying demonstrations, giving them practical skills for outdoor recreation. The Inland Fisheries Division of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department hosted an electrofishing demonstration, explaining aquatic habitats and the importance of conservation efforts. The Gateway GCD showcased its groundwater education trailer, providing insights into water cycles and sustainability. Rolling Plains GCD engaged students in fossil hunts and groundwater education, sparking curiosity about geological history and water resources.

The City of Seymour was honored to host the event and partner with AgriLife, Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District, and Seymour ISD to make a lasting difference in the education and awareness of local students. With nineteen facilitators contributing their expertise, Water Day successfully delivered a dynamic and educational experience, reinforcing the importance of water conservation and ecological awareness. Organizers expressed their gratitude to all participating groups for their dedication in making Water Day an impactful learning opportunity for Seymour's youth.

Building a Better Seymour: Departmental News and Initiatives

The **Street Department**, under the direction of Supervisor **Ronnie Kolacek**, demonstrated consistent productivity and a strong commitment to maintaining and improving city infrastructure. The team completed a variety of tasks that supported both the appearance and functionality of public areas. Crews began the week with the collection and mulching of brush throughout the city. This not only contributed to cleaner neighborhoods but also supported the department's sustainability initiatives by repurposing the brush as mulch. In the realm of equipment maintenance, a main seal on the transmission of one of the department's service trucks was successfully repaired. This critical repair helped ensure that the fleet remains in good working order and is available for daily operations. Street crews also completed repair work on the alleyway behind the museum, improving both vehicle access and pedestrian safety in the area. In addition to infrastructure repair, the department carried out mowing operations at the airport and across various city-owned properties, contributing to the overall upkeep and presentation of municipal grounds. The team undertook a thorough cleanup of property along East Lakey Street, helping to enhance the appearance of that area and address any potential code issues. To support seasonal transitions in city facilities, picnic tables were collected from the baseball field and returned to the city pool for public use during the summer months. Overall, the Street Department, guided by Ronnie Kolacek's leadership, continues to deliver reliable and responsive service. Their efforts this week reflect a strong work ethic, attention to detail, and an ongoing commitment to the city's maintenance and improvement goals.

The **Seymour Police Department**, under the leadership of Chief Bryce Sawyer, has been active and dedicated to keeping our community safe this week. Officers responded to a variety of calls for service, addressing immediate needs and concerns across the city. In addition to their routine duties, the department made several traffic enforcement stops to ensure road safety. As part of their community outreach efforts, officers made visits to local schools, building positive relationships and enhancing safety awareness among students and staff. The department also assisted Seymour ISD Police during the school district's graduation and parade events, ensuring smooth operations and the safety of attendees. In other activities, officers issued a criminal trespass warning to an individual, addressing a local concern and helping maintain the safety and well-being of residents. Looking ahead, the police department is preparing for an active Memorial Day weekend, with increased patrols and safety measures in place to ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday for all residents.

Under the leadership of **John Joyce**, the **Seymour Electric Department** has been actively working to maintain and improve the city's electrical infrastructure, ensuring reliable service for residents and businesses. This week, Gareth Hons attended the Hotline 2 class to further develop his technical expertise. The department conducted routine vehicle maintenance checks and performed weekly readings of reclosures, an essential task for monitoring and maintaining the electrical grid. Crews completed several critical service restorations, including reinstalling power on the 100 block of West Custer Street and at 511 West Miller Street. Repairs were made to broken service lines on the 900 block of Weiss Drive and at 509 North Powers Street, which also involved trimming work to prevent future disruptions. Additional trimming was performed on service lines at 505 North Donald Street, the Custer and California intersection, and on a primary line at 1101 West California Street. The team changed out a faulty transformer on the 700 block of West Nevada Street and replaced a bad meter for a City of Seymour water well, ensuring continued functionality. More trimming was conducted on primary and secondary lines behind Just Like Home to maintain safe and effective electrical flow. Crews also cleared brush to support ongoing infrastructure maintenance. Further work included fixing a streetlight service line at 510 North Murrie Street, installing a new service line and meter at a residence on 12th Street, and repairing a cross arm on West Custer Street. These efforts highlight the department's commitment to providing safe and efficient electrical services across Seymour. With these ongoing maintenance and improvement projects, the Seymour Electric Department continues to demonstrate dedication to the community, ensuring residents have reliable and well-maintained electrical services.

This week, **Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate** actively addressed various animal-related concerns throughout the community. He picked up two stray dogs, which remain in the pound. At the RO Plant, he successfully trapped eight wild hogs, reducing potential environmental and safety risks. Additionally, he removed numerous dead animals from local roadways to maintain cleanliness and public health. Shumate also issued eight weed control letters to property owners requiring maintenance and responded to eleven calls regarding concerns about cats and squirrels. During his inspections, he located two miniature horses and two baby calves that will need proper permits to reside within the city. His continued diligence in animal control efforts ensures that public safety and compliance are upheld across Seymour.

Under the leadership of **Supervisor Chase Hoyt**, the **Seymour Water Department** has worked diligently to maintain and improve the city's water infrastructure. One significant challenge arose when Whiteside failed one night, requiring immediate attention. The team successfully reversed the wiring and removed debris from the pump, restoring it to full functionality. A nearly 100-year-old valve on Morris Street also failed, necessitating replacement. Premier Water out of Lubbock installed an "insta valve" just west of the failed valve, allowing the team to isolate the line and remove the aging component. After flushing the hydrant on Main Street, the Bac T test returned negative, ensuring there was no need for a boil water notice. The concrete has been repoured to match its original condition, and the bricks will be laid back next week to complete the restoration. Routine turn-offs and turn-ons were handled efficiently, ensuring smooth service transitions for residents. Additionally, when the Streets Department's backhoe was down, the Water Department stepped in to assist with trash packing at the transfer station, demonstrating their dedication to supporting city operations. Thanks to the hard work of Supervisor Hoyt and his team, Seymour residents continue to benefit from reliable and well-maintained water services. Their commitment to infrastructure improvements and interdepartmental cooperation helps keep the city running smoothly.

The City of Seymour is geared up for a fun-filled summer by welcoming fourteen dedicated lifeguards and Leonard Estraca, who will serve as Pool Manager this swim season. With safety as a top priority, all lifeguards have participated in certification training by the Red Cross on May 24 and 25, ensuring they are fully prepared to keep patrons safe while enjoying the water. The city invites residents and visitors to take advantage of the community pool and splash pad, designed to provide a safe, welcoming, and positive environment for all ages. To make access even easier, pool passes are available for purchase at City Hall. "We want to create an atmosphere where families can enjoy their summer with peace of mind, knowing our lifeguards are highly trained and ready to serve," city officials said. "We encourage everyone to visit the pool, cool off, and take full advantage of the amenities this season!" With the right team in place and a commitment to safety and fun, Seymour's pool is set to be a highlight of the summer. Whether you're looking to relax by the water, enjoy time with family, or beat the Texas heat, the city is ready to make this season unforgettable!

The lifeguards for the 2025 Swim Season are Manager Leonard Estraca, Lillian Coker, Jeb Stacey, Maleigha Torrez, Chays Frost, Aryah Ladd (Team Leader), Garrett Gwinn (Team Leader), Gemma Estraca, Jordan Perryman, Katelyn Heuchert, Taeshaun Spotwood, and Jaxon Carrington.