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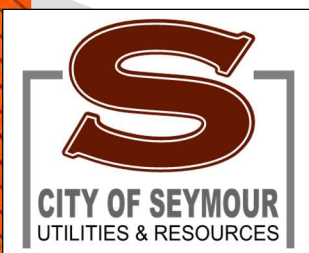
May 9th, 2025

“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.



SEYMOUR, TX – May 9, 2025 Residents of Seymour may have noticed a special operation underway Friday evening as the city took proactive measures against its seasonal mosquito problem. Shaun Teal, a city maintenance worker, was seen driving the mosquito sprayer through residential areas, local parks, and baseball fields, ensuring thorough coverage in the effort to reduce the pesky insect population. The mosquito spraying initiative comes as warmer weather sets in, bringing increased moisture and, with it, a rise in mosquito activity. The city’s Street Department Supervisor Ronnie Kolacek organized the spraying in response to community concerns about mosquito-borne illnesses and general discomfort caused by the swarms. “We want to make sure our residents can enjoy outdoor spaces without the constant nuisance of mosquitoes,” said Dr Brasher. “This effort is part of our ongoing commitment to public health and comfort.” Spraying began in the late evening and continued through various high-traffic locations. The chemicals used are approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and are considered safe for humans and pets, though residents were encouraged to stay indoors during spraying times as a precaution. The City of Seymour recommends residents take additional steps to combat mosquito populations, such as eliminating standing water in yards, using insect repellent, and keeping window screens in good condition. Local officials will monitor the effectiveness of the spraying and will determine if additional treatments are necessary in the coming weeks. In the meantime, Seymour residents can look forward to fewer mosquitoes and more enjoyable evenings outside.

Mayor Mark McCord Signs Disaster Declaration to Pursue Recovery Funds



On the morning of May 8th, 2025, Seymour Mayor Mark McCord took decisive action in response to the devastating storm system that swept through the city the day before. With sustained winds exceeding 100 mph, the storm downed power lines, toppled approximately a dozen utility poles, and caused catastrophic damage to the Seymour Municipal Airport, where an F2 or F3 tornado tore through the hangars, destroying all but one plane. Understanding the financial strain this level of destruction would place on the city's resources, Mayor McCord gathered with city officials at City Hall to formally sign the Declaration of Disaster—a crucial step in securing state and federal funding to reimburse storm recovery expenses.

The Disaster Declaration Process

Declaring a disaster is more than just a formal announcement; it's a necessary legal step that allows the City of Seymour to request financial assistance from government agencies like FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and Texas state disaster relief programs. Once the declaration is signed: It is submitted to state officials, who assess the damage and determine eligibility for relief funds. The city works closely with emergency management agencies to document expenses, including utility repairs, airport recovery efforts, and infrastructure rebuilding. If approved, financial aid is provided, reimbursing funds used for immediate response, cleanup, and reconstruction.

Why These Funds Matter

Without external disaster relief funds, the City of Seymour would bear the financial burden alone, potentially delaying recovery efforts due to budget constraints. The funding ensures that the Electric Department is reimbursed for restoring power and replacing downed poles. Repairs to airport lighting and essential infrastructure are covered. Hangar owners can potentially receive support for rebuilding, helping maintain the airport's viability for future operations.

The city can continue providing essential services without draining financial reserves meant for other critical projects.

Looking Ahead

With the Declaration of Disaster officially signed, Seymour is now positioned to pursue relief funding. While the storm may have left behind destruction, the city's swift response and collaboration with relief agencies will help ensure a strong and sustainable recovery financially.

Building a Better Seymour: Departmental News and Initiatives

Under the dedicated leadership of **Supervisor Ronnie Kolacek**, the Seymour **Street Department** has demonstrated exceptional commitment in clearing storm debris from across the community. Over the past four weeks, the team has worked tirelessly to remove brush from Cleanup Week and now responding to storm damage with efficiency and professionalism. Following last week's severe weather, the department mobilized for a second round of cleanup, ensuring that streets remained safe and accessible for residents. Their hard work and determination have played a critical role in maintaining the city's infrastructure and restoring normalcy after the storm. The City of Seymour sincerely appreciates their dedication and service in keeping our community clean, safe, and well-maintained.

The City of Seymour extends its appreciation to **John Davis, Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant Supervisor**, and his dedicated team for their hard work in ensuring clean and reliable water for the community this week. Over the last seven days, the RO Plant produced an impressive 3.9 million gallons of treated water, supplying both the City of Seymour and the Baylor Water Supply Corporation. This critical operation ensures residents have access to high-quality drinking water that meets safety standards. Throughout the week, plant operators remained vigilant, monitoring chlorine residuals across town to maintain water quality. They also closely tracked the amount of wastewater discharged from the plant, took daily readings on the primary RO units, and mowed the grounds surrounding the facility to keep it well-maintained. Additionally, the team began working on the annual Consumer Confidence Report, a vital document that provides transparency about the city's water treatment process and ensures continued compliance with health and safety regulations. We commend John Davis and the RO Plant staff for their commitment to excellence in water management and appreciate their efforts in keeping our water system safe, efficient, and operational.

The City of Seymour recognizes the hard work and dedication of the Electric Department, led by **Supervisor John Joyce**, in keeping essential infrastructure running smoothly. This week, the department tackled a variety of tasks to maintain, repair, and improve electrical services across the community. Routine maintenance was conducted, including vehicle inspections to ensure the department's equipment remains in top working condition. Crews also completed weekly readings of reclosures and performed utility locates to support ongoing and future projects. Following the recent storm, the team worked diligently to clean up broken poles and downed power lines, ensuring the city's electrical grid was restored as quickly as possible. Their commitment to timely repairs also included fixing and trimming a service line at 608 N. Stratton Street, installing a new service at 705 N. Stratton Street, and placing new lightning arresters at the Reverse Osmosis plant to improve protection against electrical surges. Additional tasks this week included installing a new meter at Water Well Road, fixing a streetlight on West Oregon, and trimming around the primary line on the south side of circuit six. At the sewage plant, a bad crossarm was identified and replaced, securing the reliability of that system. Crews also worked on power disconnections and reconnections at 1103 Plainview Street and 601 Sunset. Through their continued efforts, the Electric Department remains committed to providing safe, reliable, and efficient electrical services to Seymour residents. The city thanks John Joyce and his team for their dedication to keeping Seymour powered.

The City of Seymour recognizes the hard work and dedication of the Water Department, led by **Supervisor Chase Hoyt**, in maintaining and improving essential water services for the community. Over the past week, the department has focused on repairs, storm cleanup, and infrastructure maintenance to ensure residents continue to receive reliable service. Crews successfully fixed two water leaks on Weiss Street, addressing concerns to prevent further issues. Following the recent storm, they completed cleanup efforts, removing debris and assessing damage to city property. As part of the storm recovery process, the department inspected roof damage at the Water Department's Office and worked on repairing gutters, ensuring the facility remains functional and protected from future weather impacts. Additional maintenance included filling holes to improve safety and access around infrastructure. The team also dedicated time to mowing and weeding around water facilities, helping maintain a well-kept environment and ensuring proper access for continued operations. The City appreciates the efforts of Chase Hoyt and the Water Department in keeping Seymour's water system running smoothly. Their commitment to service, repair, and upkeep is essential to maintaining a strong foundation for our community.

Under the leadership of **Chief Bryce Sawyer**, the **Seymour Police Department** has remained active in ensuring public safety and enforcing local laws. Over the past week, officers have focused on traffic enforcement, monitoring roadways to maintain safety and compliance. The department successfully served three criminal trespass notices, addressing cases that required legal action to prevent further incidents. Officers also conducted school visits, reinforcing positive relationships with students and staff while ensuring a secure learning environment. As part of code enforcement efforts, officers issued two vehicle warnings, tagging violations to maintain orderly streets and compliance with local regulations. Additionally, officers played a key role in courtroom security, assisting during court proceedings to ensure a safe and orderly legal process. Chief Sawyer and his team continue to work diligently to serve the community and uphold the highest standards of law enforcement. The Seymour Police Department appreciates the community's support as officers remain committed to keeping the city safe.