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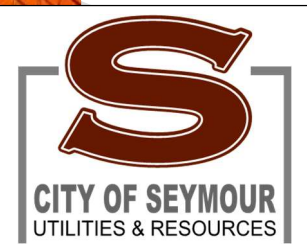
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CITY OF SEYMOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 – It was confirmed by the National Weather Service that a Category 2 or 3 tornado ripped through Seymour Municipal Airport, leaving a path of destruction that severely impacted every hangar on the property. The storm's violent winds demolished or significantly damaged structures, scattering debris onto neighboring landowners' properties to the east. With hangar owners now facing the difficult task of cleaning up and determining next steps for rebuilding, the airport's future depends on restoration efforts. A key concern for the city is ensuring that at least ten airplanes continue to reside on-site—a requirement for securing federal funding vital to maintaining airport operations. In addition to structural damage, the storm destroyed the PAPI (Precision Approach Path Indicator) and the windsock, critical tools for safe airfield operations. Not that Tri-County Electric restored power to the airport on Friday, city officials will assess potential damage to the new lighting system and beacon, further determining the next steps in recovery. As Seymour works through the rebuilding process, officials and hangar owners will need to collaborate to restore critical infrastructure and ensure the airport remains functional for pilots and the community.



City of Seymour Employees Show Unwavering Dedication After Devastating Storm



Pictured above left from right is Techline working with the City's Electric and Water Department to repair one of many mainline poles in town on Nevada Street. Pictured center is Electric Department employees Gareth Hons and Johnathon Olinger picking up a new pole to replace a damaged pole in town. Pictured right is another pole that was snapped in two from the high velocity winds that hit Seymour on Tuesday evening.

SEYMOUR, TX – When a powerful storm tore through Seymour, Texas, leaving widespread damage and outages in its wake, city employees sprang into action with unmatched dedication and teamwork to restore services and ensure community safety.

The City of Seymour Electric Department, led by John Joyce, worked tirelessly alongside Techline to reestablish power over a 24-hour period. With poles down across the city, their biggest priority was restoring electricity to the Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant, which supplies water to the community. Thanks to the department's swift and strategic response, power was successfully restored to the RO Plant within twelve hours, allowing water production to resume without major disruption. By Wednesday night, nearly all homes and businesses had their power back, except for a few properties requiring individual repairs by their owners.

Meanwhile, the Water Department worked long hours to ensure the lift stations, and the Wastewater Plant remained operational throughout the storm, preventing further complications. John Davis was stationed at the RO Plant, dedicating countless hours to ensuring that residents had continued access to clean water while the electric restoration efforts were underway.

The Street Department, led by Ronnie Kolacek, also played a crucial role in the city's recovery. Crews worked around the clock to remove debris from roads, allowing emergency responders and residents to travel safely. Additionally, they kept the drainage system in check, minimizing flood risks and preventing further damage to local infrastructure.

With an all-hands-on-deck approach, the City of Seymour employees demonstrated extraordinary service and resilience, proving their unwavering commitment to the community. Their collective efforts ensured that residents were taken care of, and that Seymour could continue moving forward in the aftermath of the storm.

As recovery continues, the city remains grateful for the hard work and dedication of its teams, who stepped up when the community needed them most. Their actions serve as a testament to the strength and unity that define Seymour, Texas.

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.

Under the leadership of **John Davis**, the **Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant** in Seymour successfully produced 3.4 million gallons of treated water this past week, ensuring a steady and safe supply for both the City of Seymour and the Baylor Water Supply Corporation. Throughout the week, plant operators worked diligently to monitor chlorine residuals across town, ensuring that water quality remained within safe regulatory limits. Additionally, they tracked wastewater discharge from the plant to maintain environmental compliance and system efficiency. Daily readings on the primary RO units were carefully documented to ensure optimal performance, and operators collected monthly laboratory samples to monitor the city's water for microbial contaminants, guaranteeing that residents received clean and safe drinking water. At the close of the week, end-of-month reports required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) were completed, providing essential data on water treatment processes and regulatory compliance. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of John Davis and the RO Plant team, Seymour's water system continues to function efficiently, delivering high-quality, treated water to the community.

Under the supervision of **Chase Hoyt**, the **Seymour Water Department** played a critical role in responding to storm-related challenges and maintaining essential services throughout the week. Following the unprecedented storm that struck Seymour, the department worked to address power issues affecting water infrastructure. As part of emergency operations, crews ran the generator throughout the night to ensure continued functionality of vital water systems. Routine operations also continued despite the storm, with staff conducting meter rereads to ensure accurate billing and service records for residents. Additionally, the Water Department stepped in to assist the Electric Department, aiding efforts to restore power across town. Crews also performed sewer maintenance, including rodding sewer mains to prevent backups and ensure efficient flow. A water leak on Weiss was promptly repaired to restore service and prevent further issues. Despite the challenges of storm recovery, the Water Department's swift response and commitment to service ensured that Seymour's residents had reliable access to clean water and properly functioning wastewater systems throughout the week.

Under the leadership of **Chief Bryce Sawyer**, the **Seymour Police Department** remained actively engaged in maintaining public safety and responding to critical incidents throughout the week. Officers made an arrest for endangering a child, ensuring swift action was taken to protect those involved. The department also played a key role in assisting with road closures due to storm damage, helping to secure affected areas and guide residents safely. Several welfare checks were conducted to ensure the well-being of individuals across the community. Officers responded to two calls regarding suspicious persons, investigating potential concerns and maintaining vigilance. As part of community outreach, the department visited local schools, reinforcing its commitment to public engagement and youth safety. Additionally, officers investigated a theft at Dairy Queen, issuing a citation and a criminal trespass warning to the suspect. Traffic enforcement efforts included targeted stops along Custer Street, addressing roadway concerns and ensuring compliance with traffic regulations. Through their collective efforts, the Seymour Police Department continues to prioritize public safety, community engagement, and efficient law enforcement response for the citizens of Seymour.

City of Seymour **Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate** has been actively responding to wildlife and pet-related concerns throughout the community this past week. His work has ensured public spaces remain safe and clean while addressing various animal control needs. During the week, Officer Shumate picked up two dead squirrels, two dead possums, and one dead bull snake to maintain sanitation. He also removed two cats from a residence and captured five squirrels at Portwood Pavilion, along with two raccoons. In addition to handling wildlife, he picked up four dogs, all of which were returned to their owners, while two additional dogs remain in the pound awaiting resolution. His enforcement efforts included sending out eleven weed letters to property owners, helping to keep Seymour's neighborhoods properly maintained. Officer Shumate also visited with a goat owner to discuss the permitting process for keeping goats within city limits. Throughout the week, he responded to seven animal-related calls from residents, offering assistance and solutions to their concerns. Through his dedication, Officer Shumate continues to provide essential services that help ensure the well-being of both animals and the community. His efforts contribute to a safe, orderly environment for the citizens of Seymour.

Following the severe storm that struck Seymour on Tuesday, the **Seymour Electric Department**, under the leadership of **John Joyce**, dedicated the week to restoring power across town. The storm caused widespread damage, knocking down power lines and leaving many residents and businesses without electricity. From the moment the storm cleared, Joyce and his team sprang into action, assessing damage and prioritizing critical areas. One of their primary concerns was ensuring that power to the Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant was restored as soon as possible, allowing water production to resume for the community. Thanks to their focused efforts, the plant had electricity again within the first 12 hours of restoration work. Over the next several days, crews worked around the clock, partnering with Techline to repair damaged lines and replace downed poles. By Wednesday night, nearly all homes and businesses had their power restored, with only a handful of properties remaining due to individual owner-related issues. Despite the challenging conditions, the Electric Department's rapid response, teamwork, and expertise ensured that the city recovered quickly from the storm's impact. Their dedication and efficiency played a vital role in helping Seymour get back on its feet, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to serving the community.



SEYMOUR, TX – In a heartwarming display of kindness and generosity, Major Roofing Exteriors and More, based in Breckenridge, Texas, went above and beyond for the City of Seymour following recent storm damage. While working in town on roofing projects, Luis Duran and Edgar Palacios, partial owners of Major Roofing, noticed the debris scattered across Seymour City Park from the storm's impact. Without hesitation, they took it upon themselves to clean up all of the debris, ensuring the park was restored for the community to enjoy once again. In appreciation of their efforts, Mayor Mark McCord personally thanked Duran and Palacios, captured in the image above as he shook hands with the two men. Their selfless act demonstrates a true commitment to community spirit, proving that even businesses passing through can leave a lasting, positive impact. The City of Seymour extends its sincere gratitude to Major Roofing for their thoughtful gesture, which helped get the park back in order after the storm and took a huge weight off the should of the Street Department. Their willingness to step up and serve, despite having no obligation to do so, exemplifies the values of neighborly support and goodwill. With businesses like Major Roofing showing care beyond their contracts, Seymour continues to thrive through community connection and generosity.