

City of Seymour Texas

At the Crossroads of North Texas

June 6th, 2025

“Weekly Beat”

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CITY OF SEYMOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 7th, 2025 Water Safety Program and Life Jacket Fitting and Give Away at City Swimming Pool @ 12:00 PM.
- June 19th, 2025, at 7:00 PM City Council Meeting at City Hall
- June 28th, 2025, Kid's Fishing Tournament at the Big Stock Tank at Salt Fork Recreational Complex 9:00-10:30 AM
- July 17th, 2025, at 7:00 PM City Council Meeting at City Hall
- July 23rd – 25th, 2025 City of Seymour Kids Golfing Camp, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.



City of Seymour Honors Hardworking Staff at Appreciation Luncheon

On Friday, June 6, 2025, the City of Seymour came together to recognize and celebrate the dedication of its hardworking staff at an Appreciation Luncheon held at the Portwood Pavilion. Mayor McCord and City Councilwoman Debbie Gillispie joined city employees to express their gratitude for the tireless efforts that keep Seymour running smoothly. The event served as an opportunity to honor the individuals who make Seymour the best community it can be, ensuring that residents have access to essential services and well-maintained facilities. City employees play a vital role in providing water, sewer, trash collection, and street maintenance, all of which contribute to a safe and productive quality of life for residents. Beyond essential utilities, the city staff also maintains key recreational and public spaces, including the golf course, swimming pool, airport, and parks. Their work allows Seymour to thrive as a welcoming and vibrant place for both locals and visitors. During the luncheon, city leaders praised employees for their unwavering commitment and sacrifices, acknowledging that their efforts often go unnoticed but are deeply appreciated. Their dedication keeps Seymour functioning efficiently, enhancing the well-being of every resident. The City of Seymour remains grateful for its exceptional staff and looks forward to continuing its tradition of recognizing those who make a difference every day.

City of Seymour Invests in New Xmark Mower to Enhance Maintenance Efforts



Seymour, Texas; The City of Seymour has taken a proactive step toward ensuring efficient grounds maintenance with the purchase of a new Xmark mower, a much-needed upgrade to the city's aging fleet. The \$12,699.00 mower, purchased from Snyder's in Seymour, Texas, will play a crucial role in keeping public spaces, including City Park, well-manicured and inviting. According to Street Department Supervisor Ronnie Kolacek, maintaining reliable and updated equipment is essential to keeping the city's properties looking their best. "Many of our current mowers have high hours and significant wear, making it increasingly difficult to maintain our vast acres efficiently," Kolacek explained. "Investing in new, high-quality equipment ensures that our crews can work effectively and keep Seymour's green spaces pristine." The city received multiple bids from vendors in Seymour before selecting the Xmark mower, which was deemed the best value for the city and compatible with the existing fleet. With this addition, the city can continue its commitment to beautification and proper upkeep, ensuring that parks, recreational areas, and municipal properties remain well-maintained for residents and visitors alike. This investment underscores Seymour's dedication to creating an attractive and welcoming community, reinforcing the importance of keeping public spaces clean and presentable with reliable equipment.

FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY SECRETARY

Behind the scenes at City Hall, City Secretary Lauren Bush continues to support the smooth operation of city business with a thoughtful approach and a steady hand. Her work this past week quietly touched nearly every corner of Seymour — from community events to city records and resident services. In coordination with the Whiteside Museum, Bush helped arrange the use of the City Auditorium for Perma Fest lectures, making it possible for the event to expand its programming and reach more attendees. She also took time to organize and decorate a staff luncheon at City Hall — a small gesture that helped bring the team together and recognize their everyday efforts. Continuing the city's move toward more efficient practices, Bush with the assistance of Alicia Rutledge, created a digital log to keep track of easements, warranty deeds, and road closures — an update that will make future referencing and recordkeeping easier for both staff and the public. At the Transfer Station, she helped Kendall Hibbits implement the use of credit cards, adding a more convenient payment option for residents. She also placed the necessary orders for roll-off containers to support the removal of a structure on East Morris Street, contributing to ongoing cleanup and improvement efforts. As part of her role in communications, Bush updated the city's website to ensure event listings matched the city's social media posts, making it easier for residents to stay informed. She also managed the posting of required public hearing notices, an important part of keeping the community connected to city decisions. Looking ahead to the weekend, Bush helped organize a water safety event at the City Pool in partnership with 4-H. The event will include a giveaway of forty lifejackets for participating children — a simple but meaningful way to encourage safe summer fun. She also worked with Seymour Youth Leadership to explore donation opportunities for the Bark Park, supporting youth involvement and community projects. In addition, local golf course events were updated and promoted through city channels. Whether coordinating events, streamlining operations, or supporting community partnerships, Lauren Bush's work as a City Secretary continues to provide a quiet but essential foundation for the day-to-day life of Seymour.

Building a Better Seymour: Departmental News and Initiatives

Under the dedicated leadership of **Supervisor Ronnie Kolacek**, the **Seymour Street Department** has been hard at work maintaining and improving various areas around the city. Their recent efforts have been instrumental in keeping Seymour clean, safe, and ready for community events. One of the department's key projects has been mowing and weeding the city park, ensuring that families and visitors can enjoy a well-maintained green space. Beyond regular park upkeep, crews worked diligently to tear down a dilapidated structure on Morris Street, improving the safety and appearance of the neighborhood. The team also tackled an important task at the old fan building on Highway 422, cutting down two aging fans on the city-owned property. This effort contributed to the ongoing improvements and maintenance of city infrastructure.

Community involvement was another highlight of the department's recent work, as workers set up tables and road barriers for the annual Perma Fest in downtown Seymour. Their support helped ensure the event ran smoothly, providing a safe and organized space for festivities. Additionally, the department has been busy picking up brush around town and responding to numerous work orders, demonstrating their commitment to keeping Seymour in top shape. Kolacek and his team continue to play a vital role in maintaining the city's streets, public spaces, and infrastructure, reflecting their dedication to making Seymour a great place to live and visit.

The **Seymour Police Department**, under the leadership of **Chief Sawyer**, has been actively working to ensure the safety and security of the community. During the past reporting period, officers conducted traffic enforcement operations, monitoring roadways for violations and ensuring public safety through diligent patrols. Several motorists were stopped and advised on proper compliance with traffic laws. In addition to traffic enforcement, officers carried out various security checks throughout the city. These checks included routine patrols of businesses, residential areas, and public facilities to maintain a visible law enforcement presence and prevent potential criminal activity. The department also served multiple criminal trespass orders, addressing cases where individuals were legally barred from certain properties. These efforts contribute to maintaining order and protecting property owners from unauthorized access. Furthermore, the police department provided security for Perma Fest, ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for attendees. Officers were stationed throughout the event to manage crowds, monitor activities, and respond to any security concerns. Their presence was instrumental in maintaining a secure and well-organized festival. Chief Sawyer and his team remain dedicated to upholding public safety and enforcing the law, ensuring Seymour continues to be a secure and well-protected community.

Under the leadership of Supervisor **Chase Hoyt**, the **Seymour Water Department** has been diligently working to ensure the city's water and sewer systems remain in top condition. Their dedication and hard work play a crucial role in maintaining essential services for residents. Over the past week, the department has focused on mowing and maintaining all water department properties, keeping facilities well-kept and accessible. In addition to routine maintenance, the team tackled a vital sewer infrastructure task by rodding sewer mains from the Cooper Street Lift Station, ensuring smooth operation and preventing blockages. One of the department's more urgent challenges was addressing an alarm at the Torrez Lift Station, caused by a system malfunction. The crew worked efficiently to diagnose and repair the issue, restoring functionality and preventing further disruptions. Beyond these major projects, the water department has also caught up on all meter read activations, ensuring accurate billing and reliable water tracking for residents and businesses. Their ability to stay ahead of work orders and maintain the city's water system reflects their commitment to providing safe and dependable water services to the community. Hoyt and his team continue to demonstrate exceptional dedication to their responsibilities, making sure Seymour's water infrastructure remains strong. Residents can rest assured knowing their local water department is working tirelessly to maintain the quality and efficiency of services that impact daily life.

Seymour's Animal Control Officer, Rick Shumate, has been busy handling wildlife, stray pets, and city enforcement duties in recent weeks, ensuring the safety and cleanliness of the community. Currently, a pit bull is in the city pound and available for adoption. The dog has received its rabies vaccination and is awaiting a new home. Alongside his work with stray pets, Officer Shumate recently picked up two raccoons, one possum, and one squirrel, as well as recovered two deceased kittens. His efforts to return lost pets to their owners were also successful, with three dogs being picked up and reunited with their families. In addition to animal-related tasks, Officer Shumate has been working on city maintenance enforcement, issuing six weed control letters to property owners. He also responded to four animal-related calls from residents regarding concerns in the community. Seymour's Animal Control remains dedicated to keeping the city safe and ensuring all animals are handled with care. Residents in need of assistance or those interested in adopting the pit bull are encouraged to contact the city office.

The **Seymour Electric Department** continues to demonstrate dedication, skill, and efficiency in keeping the city's electrical infrastructure in top form, thanks to the steady leadership of Supervisor John Joyce. Throughout the past week, the department tackled a wide variety of tasks with precision and care, ensuring that residents and public spaces alike remained well-lit and powered. The team's commitment to regular upkeep was evident in their weekly vehicle maintenance checks and reclosure readings, foundational practices that support safe and reliable service. Their work also extended into key community areas, including mowing and weed-eating around the department's shop, and replacing a worn flag at the park with a newly strung one — a small but meaningful contribution to civic pride. Residential electrical service remained a priority as crews reconnected power to homes such as 713 W. Cora Street and 711 N. Arkansas Street, while also managing disconnections and service removal at addresses like 507 S. Main Street and 300 E. Miller Street. When new needs arose, the department responded swiftly, such as installing a new service line and repairing a streetlight on the 900 block of Weiss Drive. Collaboration with other city departments also played a role in this productive week. Electric crews worked hand-in-hand with the street department to take down windmills, reflecting a citywide spirit of teamwork and shared responsibility. The department's attention to detail extended to public safety and visibility, with multiple streetlight repairs completed — including at the city park, the corner of Weiss and Kemp Streets, and at the city pool. Additional maintenance included trimming primary lines and replacing a damaged cross arm on the 300 block of W. Nevada Street, as well as clearing brush and replacing pole lights to ensure clear, hazard-free power lines. John Joyce's supervision has kept the team focused and efficient, with even offsite logistics like returning a rental truck to Fort Worth handled smoothly. With such a broad range of responsibilities managed each week, the Electric Department proves to be a backbone of Seymour's daily life — often working behind the scenes, but always central to the city's safety and comfort. In a town that relies on dependable power and responsive city services, the quiet effectiveness of Seymour's Electric Department speaks volumes. And under the capable guidance of John Joyce, their work continues to power not only homes and streets, but the trust and confidence of the entire community.

The **Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant** in Seymour, under the skilled leadership of **Supervisor John Davis**, has been hard at work ensuring the community receives clean, high-quality water. Over the past week, the plant has successfully produced 4.1 million gallons of treated water, supplying both the City of Seymour and Baylor Water Supply Corporation with essential resources. Maintaining the integrity of the water supply requires constant oversight, and the RO plant operators have diligently monitored chlorine residuals throughout the town to ensure safety standards remain at optimal levels. Additionally, they tracked the volume of wastewater discharged from the plant while taking daily readings on the primary Reverse Osmosis units to guarantee efficiency in the filtration process. Beyond water treatment operations, the team also performed necessary maintenance tasks, including mowing around the facility to uphold cleanliness and accessibility. One of the most crucial maintenance efforts involved changing the pre-filters in one of the primary RO trains, an essential step in keeping the system functioning at peak performance. Thanks to Davis and his dedicated team, Seymour's residents continue to enjoy a dependable water supply. Their commitment to maintaining and improving the facility's operations highlights the vital role the RO Plant plays in supporting the health and sustainability of the community.

With summer in full swing, the team at **Salt Fork Golf Course**, led by **Supervisor Todd Hrnecirik**, has been working tirelessly to ensure the course is in top condition for the highly anticipated Summer Swing Golf Tournament. Their dedication and attention to detail promise an exceptional experience for golfers and spectators alike. In preparation for the event, the crew has meticulously mowed the greens, fairways, and rough to guarantee a pristine playing surface. Beyond the landscaping efforts, they have also tackled significant maintenance tasks, including repairing golf cart paths and restructuring barriers to improve both aesthetics and functionality across the course. Additionally, the team has constructed a new gate, enhanced security measures, and diligently weeded the property to maintain a well-manicured and inviting atmosphere. Their above-and-beyond commitment reflects their passion for the game and their determination to make the Summer Swing Tournament a standout event for the Seymour community. Hrnecirik and his team's hard work ensures that players will enjoy a top-tier course while residents and visitors alike experience a tournament that showcases the beauty and excellence of Salt Fork Golf Course. Golf enthusiasts enjoyed a well-organized and exciting competition in a setting that has been prepared with great care and dedication. As the tournament ended, the team's efforts are a testament to their commitment to providing Seymour with an exceptional golfing experience. Whether playing or spectating, the Summer Swing Golf Tournament was a memorable event for all participants.

The **Seymour City Swimming Pool** continues to be a popular destination for residents, with 744 visitors enjoying the facilities this week, along with 13 senior swimmers taking advantage of the pool. Under the leadership of Supervisor Leonard Estraca, lifeguards have remained committed to ensuring the safety of all guests. Their diligence and professionalism contribute to a well-managed and welcoming environment for swimmers of all ages. In addition to daily operations, Robertson Electric installed a new pump at the swimming pool this week, ensuring proper water circulation and maintenance for continued efficiency and safety. The pool remains a central hub for community recreation, providing a fun and secure space for families, seniors, and individuals looking to beat the heat.