

City of Seymour Texas

At the Crossroads of North Texas

July 11th, 2025

“Weekly Beat”

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CITY OF SEYMOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.
- August 21st, 2025, at 7:00 PM City Council Meeting at City Hall

GOLF CAMP

July 22nd-24th, 2025

Incoming 1st through 6th graders
City of Seymour's Salt Fork Recreational Facility

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Tuesday & Wednesday

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Thursday

Each camper will need to bring
golf clubs, hat, and water bottle.

If you do not have clubs,
they will be provided.

Return forms to City Hall
at 301 North Washington Street

For more information call 940-889-3148
or email Dr. Jeff Brasher at jbrasher@cityofseymour.org

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Street Department Presses Forward with Road Improvements



Pictured above the Street Department team consisting of Ronnie Kolacek, Shaun Teel, David Mailhos, Kenny Davis, Josiah Bush, and Tony Morgan work together to complete their first chip sealing project.

Seymour, Texas: The City of Seymour's Street Department is continuing its push to improve road quality throughout town, most recently completing chip sealing at the intersection of North Browning and Nevada Street. Under the supervision of Ronnie Kolacek, the crew successfully repaired the surface that is set to benefit drivers and residents alike. This intersection upgrade is part of a broader effort to maintain and enhance the city's infrastructure. Well-maintained streets aren't just about smoother rides—they help reduce wear and tear on vehicles, improve safety for all users, and send a strong signal of investment in the community's future. Quality roads also support economic development by making it easier for businesses and visitors to move through town. The department plans to continue chip sealing various locations around town—a cost-effective method that extends pavement life while reducing long-term maintenance expenses. Chip sealing involves applying a thin layer of asphalt followed by a layer of crushed stone, which locks in durability and protects the underlying surface from sun, rain, and traffic damage. With each project, Seymour's Street Department is working to build a safer, stronger foundation for the community—one road at a time.

City of Seymour Water Department Targets Leaks with New Detection Tools



Featured above, Water Department Supervisor Chase Hoyt utilizes specialized leak detection equipment to proactively identify underground water leaks throughout the city's distribution system.

The Seymour Water Department, under the leadership of Water Supervisor Chase Hoyt, is stepping up efforts to safeguard the city's water supply and taxpayer resources by tackling one of the most costly and elusive issues in municipal utilities—water loss in the distribution system. Recently, Mr. Hoyt acquired a specialized tool through the Texas Water Development Board known as the Professional Plus Water Leak Detector, a cutting-edge instrument capable of detecting underground leaks up to 1,000 feet away. The addition of this equipment marks a significant upgrade in the department's ability to locate and address leaks that might otherwise go unnoticed. Using this advanced technology, Mr. Hoyt and his team traverse the city as schedules permit, applying a hands-on and highly technical approach. The leak detector listens to sound vibrations in fire hydrants, valves, and service lines, pinpointing disruptions or movement that may indicate hidden water flow. In certain areas, the crew also uses a ground probe, designed to detect water movement through soil—one of the earliest signs of a potential leak. Just like a leak in your home plumbing system, water escaping beneath city streets is money disappearing down the drain. Each leak detected and repaired means less water loss, lower treatment and pumping costs, and greater protection for the city's infrastructure. Most importantly, it translates to real savings for taxpayers and contributes to sustainable resource management. "The longer a leak goes undetected, the more costly it becomes—not just financially, but environmentally," said Mr. Hoyt. "Our team is committed to staying ahead of the problem." The City of Seymour commends the Water Department's innovation, motivation, and proactive approach to improving services and protecting public funds. By investing in smart technology and expert training, the department is making strides that benefit both the utility system and the community it serves. As this work continues, residents can rest assured that Seymour's water system is being monitored with precision and care—one hydrant, one valve, and one success story at a time.

Building a Better Seymour: Departmental News and Initiatives

Under the guidance of **Supervisor Ronnie Kolacek**, the Street Department showed impressive commitment this week as they prepared the city for the Annual Rodeo Parade. Their efforts were visible all across town, starting with cleaning and sprucing up the downtown area to welcome visitors and parade-goers. In anticipation of the event, the department also took proactive steps by spraying for mosquitoes throughout the rodeo grounds and the surrounding community, helping ensure a comfortable experience for everyone.

Infrastructure improvements continued with chip sealing at an intersection, contributing to long-term durability and safety. Mowing crews were equally busy, maintaining all city-owned properties—parks, hospital hill, and the airport—so that every corner of Seymour presented itself with pride. The week's work reflects not just productivity but a deep sense of dedication and responsibility, and it's a testament to the leadership of Mr. Kolacek and the hardworking team behind him.

Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate has had a busy and impactful week, responding to a wide range of calls and continuing his commitment to public safety and animal welfare across Seymour. This week, Officer Shumate responded to 16 animal-related calls, showcasing his responsiveness and dedication to both residents and stray animals alike. Alongside his animal control duties, he also issued three weed control letters to help maintain the appearance and safety of local properties. A particularly unusual call involved a raccoon that fell through the ceiling of the hospital which had to be captured and relocated, which was one of nine raccoons relocated by Mr. Shumate this week. In addition, three possums and three cats were also safely removed from problematic areas and relocated appropriately. A potential rabies concern was addressed promptly, as Officer Shumate responded to a cat bite victim and placed the animal into quarantine for ten days following standard protocol. On the canine front, two dogs were successfully reunited with their owners, while five others were placed in the city pound for care and evaluation. Of those, two were released, and three dogs are still waiting for their forever homes. Officer Shumate's continued efforts reflect the City of Seymour's commitment to safe neighborhoods and responsible animal management. Residents with questions or concerns regarding animal control are encouraged to reach out to city staff.

The City of Seymour's **Water Department**, under the leadership of Supervisor Chase Hoyt, continues to make meaningful strides in system maintenance, public service, and operational planning. This week, crews responded swiftly to inspect a suspected water leak on West Oregon Street, ensuring potential loss was addressed promptly. A meter check was conducted on West Custer Street to verify accuracy and identify any possible billing or distribution concerns. To improve water clarity and circulation, the team also flowed a hydrant on Reiman Street, flushing the line to maintain safe and clean service. Leak prevention remained a top priority, with staff conducting widespread evaluations and deploying the department's leak detection system across several zones. These proactive efforts protect our water supply and help minimize long-term infrastructure costs.

In staff development news, Water Department employee Alonzo Avilla successfully passed his wastewater exam, earning his Class D wastewater license. This important credential enhances the department's capacity and reflects the city's investment in professional training. Behind the scenes, Mr. Hoyt worked closely with the city administrator on drafting the Water Department's budget proposal, aligning service goals with financial planning to support upcoming needs and priorities. The City applauds the Water Department for its hands-on commitment to clean water, efficient operations, and long-term stewardship of public resources. Their continued focus on leak detection, system care, and professional development reflects Seymour's values and dedication to its residents.

Seymour's City Pool continues to provide a safe and refreshing escape from the summer heat under the capable supervision of Leonard Estraca. This past week, the facility welcomed 264 visitors, including 11 senior swimmers, reflecting the pool's broad community appeal and importance in promoting recreation and wellness. The lifeguard team has remained vigilant and hardworking, prioritizing swimmer safety while maintaining a clean and inviting environment. Their duties extend beyond water supervision—they've been actively engaged in cleaning both the pool and the pool house, ensuring a pleasant experience for all guests. On Thursday, the pool experienced an unexpected closure due to a valve that was inadvertently left open, causing approximately half of the water to drain. Thanks to the quick discovery of the issue on security footage, staff responded swiftly to minimize water loss, refill the pool, treat the water, and reopen the facility by the very next day—a testament to the team's responsiveness and commitment to keeping the pool accessible. Under Mr. Estraca's leadership, the City Pool continues to be a dependable and enjoyable public amenity, where families, seniors, and youth can gather safely and confidently.

Under the skilled leadership of plant operator **John Davis, the City of Seymour's Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant** successfully treated and distributed 4.1 million gallons of clean, high-quality water to residents and partner systems—including the Baylor Water Supply Corporation. This vital operation ensures consistent and safe water delivery across the region. Throughout the week, Davis and his team maintained rigorous oversight of the water system. Daily tasks included monitoring chlorine residuals throughout Seymour, guaranteeing disinfectant levels remained within compliance and safe for consumption. The crew also tracked wastewater discharge levels from the RO system to ensure proper balance and environmental compliance. Daily system checks were conducted on the primary RO units, which remain the heart of the plant's purification process. In addition to plant operation, the team also mowed and maintained the grounds around the RO plant to uphold a clean and professional work site. In keeping with state regulatory standards, the plant finalized and submitted the quarterly compliance reports required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)—a testament to the department's commitment to transparency and reliability. A key maintenance task this week involved repair and service on a pre-filter housing, helping ensure peak performance of the filtration system. The plant also welcomed Murray Energy, who conducted the annual meter calibration, helping verify accuracy in flow measurements and long-term operational integrity. John Davis's leadership and steady hands-on approach continue to be instrumental in maintaining the city's water quality and compliance. The City of Seymour commends the dedication and precision exhibited by our Reverse Osmosis Plant team.

The **Electric Department, under the leadership of Supervisor John Joyce**, had a highly productive week serving the residents of Seymour with skill and dedication. Among staff highlights, Jonathan Olinger advanced his professional training by attending Groundman Apprentice coursework, positioning him for future growth in the department. Routine maintenance was performed, including vehicle inspections and reclosure readings to ensure system integrity. Crews conducted locates and tended to the shop grounds by mowing, weed eating, and spraying for weeds, keeping the property clean and operational. In the field, the department repaired streetlights at the 500 block of North Browning and at Donald and Ingram, improving safety and visibility for drivers and pedestrians. Tree trimming was completed on the 1100 block of North Kemp Street, and brush was dragged away to reduce hazards around power lines. Staff also contributed to community celebrations by revamping the rodeo advertisement banner downtown. System reliability was restored through repairs such as a broken service line at 312 East Reiman Street and a service conversion for solar compatibility at 111 West Ingram Street. Power was reinstalled at both 1129 West California Street and 711 North Arkansas Street after service interruptions. The team also replaced a mainline fuse serving the Reverse Osmosis Plant and installed a new utility pole at the Transfer Station so a new camera can be added to improve safety and deter misuse of the transfer station. Additional inspections and testing were carried out at 601 North Arkansas Street to ensure accurate power service, and vehicle 20 received a thorough cleaning to maintain the department's fleet. Through this week's comprehensive efforts, the Electric Department continues to uphold its mission of keeping Seymour powered, safe, and ready for growth. Their dedication stands as an example of quality public service and commitment to the community.