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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



City Council Approves Mulching of Brush Pile at Seymour Convenience Center



Pictured above Thenlin Recycling representative runs the excavator as it places the brush into an estimated \$1.3 million dollar machine that turns the brush into mulch that will then be hauled to a different sight, then spread out to deteriorate.

Seymour, Texas: Last week the City of Seymour City Council voted to move forward with the mulching of a large brush pile at the city's Convenience Center, a decision prompted by recent storm debris and increased volume following the city's annual cleanup week. The brush pile, which has accumulated over the past two and a half years, was professionally mulched at a cost of \$20,500, based on volume measured in cubic yards. The project is a vital part of maintaining compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requirements for brush disposal and site maintenance. Funding for the project was made possible through ongoing savings of approximately \$10,000 annually, which the city sets aside specifically for mulching and site upkeep. These savings are the result of proactive financial planning and the hard work of the City's Street Department. Over the past three years, the Street Department under the supervision of Ronnie Kolacek has routinely mulched brush as it's collected and has also taken an active role in reducing the size of the pile at the Convenience Center. Their efforts have significantly reduced the long-term costs of brush disposal—and in turn, helped protect taxpayer dollars. "The Street Department's commitment to responsible brush management has made a big difference, not just operationally, but financially," said City Administrator Jeff Brasher. "Thanks to their work and the council's support, Seymour continues to make smart, sustainable choices for its residents." Work on the mulching took place this past week. The city encourages residents to continue using brush disposal services responsibly and thanks the community for its ongoing cooperation in keeping Seymour clean and compliant.

Building a Better Seymour: Departmental News and Initiatives

This week, under the supervision of **Ronnie Kolacek, the Street Department** has remained active and productive throughout the city. One of the key accomplishments was completing the handicap-accessible ramp leading to the handicap swing, an important step in expanding inclusive access at the park. The team also focused on general park maintenance by moving gravel and cleaning up key areas, improving the overall appearance and usability of the grounds. Roadway safety and visibility were addressed through tree trimming, while crews also worked to mow various city-owned properties to maintain neat and presentable public spaces. In addition to field work, the department repaired city equipment—including the backhoe at the transfer station—ensuring machinery is ready and reliable for daily operations. Much of the week's preparation centered around readying equipment for the upcoming chip sealing of intersections, a project scheduled for next week that will enhance road durability and surface quality across Seymour. Thanks to the dedication of Supervisor Kolacek and his team, the city continues to benefit from thoughtful planning, steady upkeep, and community-focused improvements.

This week, under the leadership of **Chief Bryce Sawyer, the Seymour Police Department** dedicated significant effort to ensure public safety and maintain community trust ahead of the holiday weekend. In preparation for increased activity surrounding the 4th of July, the department deployed additional officers to patrol shifts and activated both pole-mounted surveillance cameras and the department's surveillance vehicle to enhance coverage and visibility. Officers conducted numerous house checks for residents who were out of town, helping to deter potential theft or suspicious activity. In response to ongoing public concerns, the department fielded and responded to numerous fireworks-related calls to address safety, noise, and ordinance issues. During the week, officers successfully recovered a reported stolen motorcycle and made one arrest on an outstanding warrant. In coordination with the Baylor County Sheriff's Office, the department also assisted in executing another warrant arrest, reinforcing interagency cooperation. Outside of their law enforcement duties, officers took time to engage with the community by hosting a cheerleader car wash event, fostering positive relationships and supporting local youth programs.

Under the leadership of **Supervisor Chase Hoyt, the Water Department** carried out several essential tasks across the city this week. The team completed the installation of a new sign at the airport assisting Glenn Peters Welding, ensuring proper visibility and compliance with local marking standards. Crews located the sewer line on Plainview in preparation for a new tap installation, providing the necessary groundwork for future connections. Water Department staff also activated meters at newly constructed school homes, supporting infrastructure readiness as these residences come online. Following heavy rainfall on Monday evening and into Tuesday morning, the department took proactive steps to monitor conditions at the wastewater treatment plant overnight, maintaining system stability and environmental compliance during the peak weather event. Through vigilant oversight and hands-on fieldwork, the Water Department continues to uphold the reliability and safety of Seymour's water and wastewater systems.

During the week, **Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate** remained active across the city addressing animal-related concerns and enforcing local ordinances. A total of seven dogs were picked up and housed at the city pound; of those, one dog currently remains unclaimed. In addition to live animal control, Officer Shumate responded to multiple roadkill reports, removing three skunks, two armadillos, one possum, and two raccoons from city streets to ensure safe and sanitary conditions. One dog was successfully released from quarantine after being medically cleared following a rabies observation period. Officer Shumate also fielded seven animal-related service calls from residents and took further action on property maintenance concerns by issuing seven additional weed violation letters. His continued diligence in both animal control and ordinance enforcement contributes meaningfully to public health and quality of life within the community.

During this short and cooler week, the City Pool welcomed a total of 164 visitors. Despite the milder temperatures, community members continued to take advantage of the facility for recreation and relief from the summer heat. **Supervisor Leonard Estraca** and his staff maintained regular operations, ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for all guests. Pool staff remained attentive to cleanliness, safety protocols, and guest service throughout the week.

Under the supervision of **John Davis, the Reverse Osmosis Plant** sustained steady and efficient operations this week, producing a total of 4.5 million gallons of treated water. This output supported the ongoing needs of both the City of Seymour and the Baylor Water Supply Corporation, maintaining a safe and reliable water supply. Throughout the week, plant operators conducted regular system monitoring and maintenance. This included consistent tracking of chlorine residuals across town, ensuring water safety standards were upheld throughout the distribution network. Operators also logged daily readings from the primary RO units, collected monthly laboratory samples to test for microbial contaminants, and carefully monitored wastewater discharge levels from the plant to meet environmental compliance standards. In line with regulatory responsibilities, the team completed all required end-of-month reporting for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Additionally, maintenance was performed on one of the facility's primary RO trains with the successful replacement of pre-filters, helping to maintain filtration performance and system longevity. Supervisor Davis continues to prioritize water quality, compliance, and operational reliability, playing a vital role in protecting public health and supporting the city's infrastructure.

Under the supervision of **John Joyce, the Electric Department** continued its essential operations throughout the week, staying focused on both routine tasks and responsive maintenance across Seymour. Crews remained active in the field, managing service needs, addressing electrical concerns, and ensuring the safety and reliability of the system. Notable fieldwork included vegetation management along key lines and circuits, with teams improving clearance and visibility in areas identified as needing attention. Staff responded to service issues promptly, including resolving streetlight outages and assisting with equipment installations for new or upgraded service connections. Preventative maintenance on city-owned equipment and infrastructure ensured that service vehicles and field tools remained in reliable working condition. Circuit inspections and drive-outs were also conducted as part of ongoing monitoring practices. Through steady coordination and the leadership of Supervisor Joyce, the department maintained its commitment to timely service, infrastructure upkeep, and operational readiness.

The **Seymour City Swimming Pool** continues to