

City of Seymour Texas

At the Crossroads of North Texas

June 27th, 2025

“Weekly Beat”

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CITY OF SEYMOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

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

WINNERS FOR CITY OF SEYMOUR FISHING TOURNAMENT



The winners for the City of Seymour kids Fishing Tournament is as follows. 1st place catfish was William Haberman, 2nd place Karim Savaneh, and 3rd place was Kendal Easterling. Alternate species category was 1st place Eli Arnold, 2nd place Kinslyn Barker and 3rd place Wyatt Pedroza. Most Patient Angler was awarded to Leah Deleon, Best Casting Technique was Asher Habert, and the Smallest Fish was awarded to Levi Pedroza.

Seymour Street Department Repairs Intersection at Stadium Drive and East Broad



Pictured above Street Department employees from left to right Tony Morgan, Kenny Davis, and Josiah Bush, work at the intersection of East Broad and Stadium Drive.

Seymour, Texas: The City of Seymour's Street Department has officially launched its summer roadwork season with an active project at the intersection of Stadium Drive and East Broad Street, where crews are working hard to improve pavement conditions and enhance long-term drivability. Under the direction of Street Supervisor Ronnie Kolacek, the team is focusing efforts on this key intersection as part of a broader plan to ramp up street repairs across the city. With drier weather and the support of additional summer staff, the department is seizing the opportunity to make meaningful progress on much-needed improvements. Pictured above are Street Department employees Tony Morgan, Kenny Davis, and Josiah Bush—all working diligently in the Texas heat to remove damaged surfaces, level trouble spots, and restore smooth travel for residents and visitors alike. "This summer, we're placing a higher priority on street maintenance," Kolacek noted. "With fewer rain delays and extra hands-on deck, we can tackle more projects and improve more roads than we have in seasons past." Residents are encouraged to use caution near active work zones and to stay tuned for updates as the department advances to areas throughout the summer. It's all part of Seymour's ongoing commitment to infrastructure, safety, and keeping the community rolling forward.

Youth Reel in Fun at Seymour Kids Fishing Tournament

The shores of the large fishing pond at the Salt Fork Recreational Complex were alive with excitement Saturday morning as nearly 50 young anglers cast their lines during the City of Seymour's Kids Fishing Tournament. Held for the first time at the recently stocked large pond, thanks to support from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Fishery, the event offered local youth a fresh and fish-filled opportunity to connect with the outdoors. Kids came armed with rods, reels, and plenty of anticipation for the chance to land one of the day's top catches. The tournament featured awards for the top four largest catfish as well as a category for the largest alternate species, keeping everyone hopeful with each tug on the line. Texas Parks and Wildlife staff were on hand to measure and record each catch, adding a layer of excitement and legitimacy to each proud moment. Generous support from Waste Connections, the city's solid waste provider, made the event even more special, sponsoring prizes that brought big smiles to the winners and an enthusiastic round of applause from families gathered along the bank. With sunshine overhead, fish biting, and kids cheering, the tournament was a true celebration of community, conservation, and summer fun. By all measures, it was a resounding success—and a new tradition in the making at Salt Fork.

Building a Better Seymour: Departmental News and Initiatives

This week, the City of **Seymour Street Department**, under the supervision of **Ronnie Kolacek**, has continued its efforts to keep the city clean, safe, and well-maintained. Crews completed mowing operations at various public locations while also spraying for weeds across town to improve overall appearance and vegetation control. One of the week's key projects was the successful patching of the large intersection at Broad Street and Stadium Drive, restoring a smoother and safer surface for motorists. The department also wrapped up the cleanup of a dilapidated property, removing debris and clearing the space to improve public safety and aesthetics. In addition, brush was trimmed away from streets at multiple sites to enhance visibility and ensure clear passage for both vehicles and pedestrians. Behind the scenes, necessary equipment repairs were completed to keep operations running smoothly. Supervisor Kolacek noted the department's steady momentum and credited improved weather and extra summer personnel for allowing the team to take on more projects in less time. Residents can expect continued progress as the city moves forward with its street and property maintenance goals this season.

Under the leadership of **Chief Sawyer**, who oversees the operations of the **Seymour Police Department**, the department continues to deliver dedicated service, ongoing training, and strong enforcement to ensure the safety of the community. This week, officers responded to a dog bite incident, initiating proper protocols and ensuring public safety. Chief Sawyer and Sergeant Deanda also completed specialized training focused on DUI arrests and the prosecution of drivers impaired by narcotics, strengthening the department's skillset in handling drug-related traffic offenses. Department-wide training was conducted on the use of the new camera system and Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) technology, boosting the department's technological capabilities and readiness. Officers also remained active with regular traffic enforcement, helping maintain safe driving behaviors throughout town. A significant legal milestone was reached when a 40-year plea deal was secured for a subject arrested during a previous SPD narcotics investigation, underscoring the department's continued efforts in long-term criminal cases. Through hands-on leadership and a focus on continuous improvement, Chief Sawyer and the Seymour Police Department remain committed to proactive policing, professional development, and public trust.

Under the leadership of **Supervisor Chase Hoyt**, the **Water and Sewer Department** continues to make steady strides in improving utility service and system reliability throughout the City of Seymour. This week, crews successfully repaired a water leak on Clay Street and resolved a well line leak at the Reverse Osmosis Plant, addressing both residential needs and critical infrastructure. Supervisor Hoyt also guided the team through several strategic tasks aimed at long-term improvements, including mapping system updates to support more accurate service tracking and planning. The department fielded customer visits along Plainview Road to discuss the addition of new sewer taps, ensuring residents have access to accurate information and timely service. At the city pool, staff removed a clogged filter and cleared built-up sand, restoring optimal water circulation as part of seasonal maintenance. Preventive efforts continued as crews used a leak detector to identify potential underground issues, demonstrating the department's commitment to proactive service. In addition, the team responded to an emergency equipment failure, pulling a burned-out grinder pump on Whiteside and replacing it promptly to restore functionality.

This week, **Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate** continued to demonstrate exceptional service and responsiveness in his role, helping maintain public health and safety throughout the City of Seymour. Officer Shumate responded to ten animal-related calls, addressing a wide range of concerns from residents and ensuring proper follow-up on each case. His proactive efforts extended to issuing eight weed violation letters to properties with excessively tall grass, helping uphold city code and maintain neighborhood aesthetics. As part of public safety and sanitation duties, Officer Shumate disposed of one deceased cat, two possums, and two squirrels. He also responded to a dog bite incident on West Custer Street, placing the involved animal into quarantine in accordance with safety protocols. In further efforts to reduce potential threats and nuisances, he successfully removed three skunks and four raccoons from residential areas, helping prevent damage to property and minimizing the risk of disease transmission. Officer Shumate continues to go above and beyond in his responsibilities, playing a key role in preserving the well-being and livability of the Seymour community.

This past week, the City of Seymour's **Reverse Osmosis Plant, under the direction of Supervisor John Davis**, continued its vital role in providing clean, safe drinking water to the community and surrounding areas. A total of 4.7 million gallons of treated water were produced and successfully distributed to both the City of Seymour and the Baylor Water Supply Corporation. Throughout the week, plant operators remained diligent in ensuring top-tier water quality. Staff monitored chlorine residuals across town to ensure safe disinfection levels and tracked the wastewater output discharged from the facility. As part of daily operations, the team conducted routine readings on the primary RO units, ensuring they operated efficiently and within performance standards. Operators also titrated chemical feeds, carefully maintaining proper chemical balance in the treatment process, and calibrated both handheld and inline analyzers to guarantee accurate water quality measurements. In addition to these technical tasks, the team performed maintenance on the chlorine analyzer to sustain uninterrupted monitoring and system reliability. Rounding out the week's work, the crew also maintained the grounds around the RO plant, including mowing and general upkeep to ensure a clean and safe facility. Thanks to the ongoing commitment of the RO Plant team, residents can continue to rely on consistent, high-quality water service as the summer season progresses.

This week, under the leadership of **Supervisor John Joyce, the Electric Department** continued its efforts to maintain and improve Seymour's electrical infrastructure. Crews began with standard weekly vehicle maintenance and performed routine readings of reclosures to ensure system functionality. Throughout the week, they responded to locate requests and carried out multiple vegetation management tasks, including trimming a broken limb near the Housing Authority on the 800 block of East Pecan Street, as well as brush trimming along the west side of the park, East McLain Street, and the dog park. The team also removed brush debris from various areas. In addition to fieldwork, staff attended a TEC safety meeting to reinforce best practices and safety procedures. The department restored power at 507 S. Main Street and rehung and trimmed service lines at 300 S. Stratton Street. A new service was also installed at 510 W. Custer Street. Throughout the week, crews replaced outdated electric meters at several locations, including addresses on North Stratton, North Kelly, North East Street, North Donald, Stratton, and West Reiman. They also completed scheduled meter reads and replaced a light pole at the sewage plant. Thanks to the continued dedication of the Electric Department, residents experienced uninterrupted service and ongoing infrastructure improvements. Supervisor Joyce praised the team's strong work ethic and commitment to keeping Seymour powered and safe.

This week, the **Seymour City Swimming Pool** continued to serve as a vibrant gathering place for residents of all ages, with **Supervisor Leonard Estraca** and staff ensuring a safe and welcoming environment throughout the week's activities. A total of 279 guests visited the pool, enjoying relief from the summer heat and time with family and friends. There was a steady flow of senior guests, highlighting the pool's role as not only a recreational facility but also a space for wellness and community connection. In addition, the pool hosted four private after-hour parties, providing memorable evenings for birthday celebrations, reunions, and local gatherings. On Thursday morning, summer school students enjoyed a dedicated swim time, adding fun and fitness to their summer learning experience. While the pool did have to close early Friday due to inclement weather, the rest of the week saw strong attendance and positive feedback from swimmers and parents alike. The Seymour City Swimming Pool continues to be more than just a summer spot—it's a vital community asset. It promotes physical activity, social connection, and safe recreation for residents of all ages. Supervisor Estraca and his team are proud to provide this space where memories are made, and community spirit thrives.