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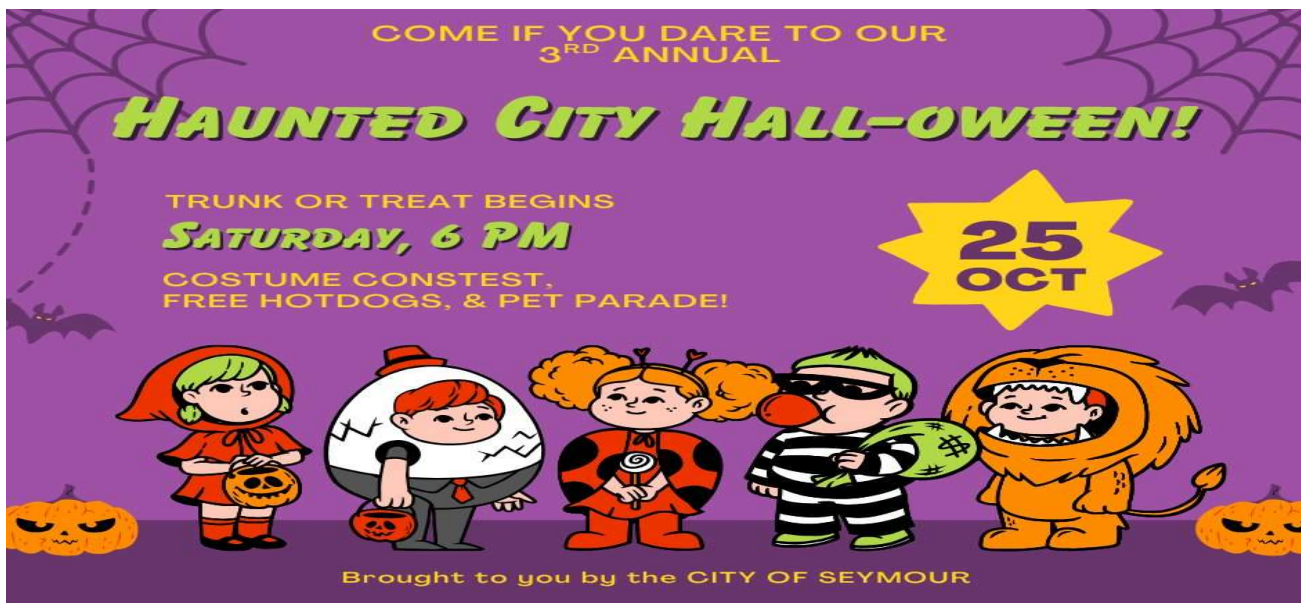
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City of Seymour Upcoming Events

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- October 15th, 2025 Fields of Faith at 6:30 PM Fair Park Stadium
- October 16th, 2025, City Council Meeting at 7:00 PM at City Hall
- **OCTOBER 25TH, 2025, HAUNTED CITY HALL AT 6:00 PM -7:00 PM, COSTUME CONTEST AT 7:00 PM.**
- November 20th, 2025 City Council Meeting at 7:00 PM at City Hall
- First Thursdays Bingo at Portwood Pavillion 6:00 PM

Haunted City Hall-Oween Returns to Seymour — With a Twist!



SEYMOUR, TX — It's that time of year again! The City of Seymour invites you to a night of thrills, chills, and community cheer at the Haunted City Hall-Oween Celebration on Thursday, October 25th at 6:00 PM. This isn't just another Halloween event—it's a full-blown hometown bash designed to bring out the ghosts, giggles, and good times for kids (and grown-ups) of all ages.

City Hall Becomes a Haunted Haven

Step inside City Hall at 301 North Washington Street, where spooky surprises await around every corner. City departments, along with our fearless Seymour Fire Department and vigilant Police Department, will be on hand to keep the scares safe and the smiles wide.

Trunk or Treat + Decorating Contest

The evening kicks off at 6:00 PM with a Trunk or Treat extravaganza—and this year, we're adding a Trunk Decorating Contest! Local businesses and community members are invited to deck out their trunks in their creepiest, funniest, or most creative Halloween themes. It's a fantastic way to promote your business, connect with families, and be part of a night you'll never forget.

Winners will be announced during the evening, so bring your A-game and help us make this event bigger and better than ever!

And don't worry about dinner—free hotdogs will be served by the Seymour City Council and Mayor McCord, while supplies last.

Costume Contest and Pet Parade

At 7:00 PM, the spotlight turns to Seymour's most imaginative costumes. Whether you're a mummy, a mermaid, or a miniature cowboy, come show off your spooky style! We'll also have a costume contest category just for adults, so grown-ups can join the fun too.

And don't forget your furry friends—our Pet Parade will feature costumed critters strutting their stuff for the crowd!

Get Involved — Make a Difference

We're calling on local businesses and volunteers to help make this night unforgettable. Host a trunk, join the decorating contest, or lend a hand. It's a chance to make a difference in our community and create lasting memories for our children—even better than the ones we remember.

To sign up or learn more, call City Hall at (940) 889-3148. Or just show up ready to celebrate!

Working for You: How Every City Department is Shaping Seymour's Future and Safety

The City of Seymour would like to highlight the recent work of **Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate**, whose efforts continue to support public safety and community standards. Over the past reporting period, Officer Shumate responded to a total of 14 animal control calls, addressing a variety of wildlife and domestic animal concerns. He successfully relocated four raccoons and four hogs—two from the RO area and two from SFRC. He picked up four stray dogs, which are currently being housed in the city pound. In addition to live animal handling, Officer Shumate removed two dead raccoons, one dead buzzard, and three dead squirrels. He also responded to incidents involving three skunks and one opossum. As part of routine care, Dr. Tucker administered one rabies vaccination. Beyond animal control, Officer Shumate issued two weed letters to property owners in violation of city maintenance ordinances and conducted one conversation regarding junk and debris concerns. His work reflects the City's commitment to maintaining a clean, safe, and healthy environment for all residents. We thank Officer Shumate for his continued dedication and service.

The City of Seymour would like to acknowledge the hard work of the **Street Department under the leadership of Ronnie Kolacek**. Over the past week, the department has been actively working to maintain city infrastructure and support upcoming community events. To make room for the continuous drop-off of brush at the Transfer Station, the team relocated mulch to an alternative location. This effort helps keep the site organized and accessible for residents. In preparation for the Cross Country meets scheduled this week, the department cleaned and mowed the city park to ensure it is safe and presentable for athletes and spectators. Additionally, the team completed mowing at the Seymour Airport as part of their regular maintenance duties. The department has also been focused on equipment repairs, including installing a new transmission in one of their pickup trucks and troubleshooting the city's skid steer, which recently stopped running due to an unknown issue. These efforts reflect the department's commitment to keeping Seymour clean, functional, and ready to support both daily operations and special events. The City appreciates the dedication and service of Ronnie Kolacek and his team.

The City of Seymour is proud to recognize the ongoing efforts of **Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant Supervisor John Davis** and his team for their essential work in providing safe and reliable water to our community. Over the past week, the RO Plant produced an impressive 4.7 million gallons of treated water, which was distributed to both the City of Seymour and the Baylor Water Supply Corporation. This vital service ensures that residents and partner organizations continue to receive high-quality water for everyday use. Throughout the week, plant operators carried out a series of critical tasks to maintain system performance and water safety. These included monitoring chlorine residuals throughout the town, a key step in ensuring proper disinfection levels across the distribution system. The team also tracked the amount of wastewater discharged from the plant, helping maintain compliance with environmental standards. Daily readings were taken on the primary RO units to monitor system efficiency and detect any potential issues early. In addition, the crew changed the pre-filters in one of the primary RO trains, which helps protect the membranes and improve overall water quality. Instrument panels for both feed water and product water were calibrated to ensure accurate readings and optimal performance. To round out the week's work, the team performed maintenance on the chlorine analyzer, a critical piece of equipment that helps regulate and verify chlorine levels in the water supply. Supervisor John Davis and his staff continue to demonstrate professionalism, technical expertise, and a strong commitment to public health. Their work is a cornerstone of Seymour's infrastructure, and we thank them for their dedication to keeping our water clean, safe, and dependable.

The City of Seymour commends the **Electric Department, led by Supervisor John Joyce**, for their continued dedication to maintaining and improving the city's electrical infrastructure. Over the past week, the department has completed a wide range of tasks that support public safety, utility reliability, and interdepartmental cooperation. Routine operations included weekly vehicle maintenance checks and readings of reclosures to ensure system stability and readiness. The team responded to multiple locate requests, helping prevent damage to underground utilities during construction and excavation projects.

Several service line adjustments were made, including the removal of a line on East Ingram Street and the disconnection of services at 1000 North Browning Street and behind Hays Automotive. The department also hooked up a new service at Roots Retreat, expanding access to reliable electricity for new development. In collaboration with Optimum, the crew successfully troubleshot and repaired a line issue on the 800–900 block of East Lincoln Street. They also changed out faulty lightning arrestors behind the Human Service Department to enhance surge protection and system safety. Additional fieldwork included dragging brush, trimming and repairing a streetlight service line on the 300 block of South Foley Street, and pulling and reinstalling a meter at 406 West Nevada Street. The team assisted the Street Department with cleaning efforts at the Transfer Station and supported the installation of a new security camera at the same location. To ensure continued safety and compliance, department staff participated in a TEC safety meeting, reinforcing best practices and safety protocols. Supervisor John Joyce and his team continue to demonstrate a strong commitment to service, safety, and collaboration. Their work plays a vital role in keeping Seymour powered and prepared.

The City of Seymour commends the ongoing efforts of the **Seymour Police Department, led by Chief Bryce Sawyer**, for their commitment to public safety and community service. Over the past week, the department has actively responded to a variety of incidents and carried out several enforcement and investigative actions. Officers made multiple arrests, including one for an outstanding warrant and another for felony evading arrest with previous convictions, demonstrating the department's continued vigilance in addressing serious offenses. A separate arrest for public intoxication helped ensure the safety of both the individual and the public. The department also conducted numerous welfare checks, responding to calls from concerned residents and ensuring the well-being of individuals throughout the community. These checks are a vital part of the department's role in supporting vulnerable populations and maintaining public trust. In an effort to protect students and promote safe driving habits, officers carried out traffic enforcement in school zones, helping to reduce speeding and improve pedestrian safety during peak hours. The department responded to multiple disturbances, providing timely intervention and de-escalation to maintain peace and order. Additionally, officers continued their work on an ongoing felony theft investigation, demonstrating their commitment to thorough and professional case management.

Chief Sawyer and his team remain dedicated to serving Seymour with integrity, responsiveness, and a strong sense of duty. Their work is essential to maintaining a safe and supportive environment for all residents.

The City of Seymour is pleased to recognize the diligent work of the **Water Department, led by Supervisor Chase Hoyt**. Over the past week, the department has completed a variety of essential tasks that contribute to the safety, reliability, and upkeep of our city's water infrastructure. One of the key projects included raising a manhole on Plainview, which improves accessibility and helps prevent flooding or damage during heavy rainfall. The team also repaired two water leaks behind Davis Appliance, ensuring continued service and minimizing water loss in the area. In collaboration with SPS, the Water Department assisted with locates and line identification, helping to prevent utility damage during excavation and construction activities. This kind of interdepartmental coordination is vital for maintaining service continuity and public safety. Routine maintenance was also a priority. Staff cleaned and washed department vehicles, keeping equipment in top condition for daily operations. They also filled potholes and depressions around town, contributing to smoother roads and improved public safety. Inside the facility, the team organized the shop, streamlining tools and materials for greater efficiency. Additionally, they performed a critical mechanical repair by changing a bearing at the wastewater plant, helping ensure the plant continues to operate smoothly and without interruption. Supervisor Chase Hoyt and his team continue to demonstrate a strong commitment to maintaining Seymour's water infrastructure and supporting the needs of our community. Their hard work and attention to detail are deeply appreciated.