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- November 20th, 2025, City Council Meeting at 7:00 PM at City Hall
- February 21st, 2026 Trout Fishing Tournament at Salt Fork Recreational Facility: 9:00-11:00.
- November 27th and 28th City Hall Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving
- First Thursdays Bingo at Portwood Pavillion 6:00 PM

Seymour Rolls into the Future with Grand Opening of New Skate Park



Pictured above is the new City of Seymour Skate Park located off of McLain Street held their Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Mayor McCord, the Chamber of Commerce and members of the community and Deviance Skate Shop Representatives were all present.

November 14, 2025 – Seymour, Texas

The energy was electric and the wheels were spinning as the City of Seymour officially unveiled its brand-new Skate Park on Friday, November 14th, 2025. What began as a vision to create a vibrant, inclusive space for youth and families has now become a reality—one that was met with cheers, applause, and the unmistakable sound of skateboards carving across fresh concrete.

Community members of all ages gathered to celebrate the grand opening, marking a major milestone in Seymour's commitment to recreational development and youth engagement. The event was more than just a ribbon-cutting—it was a full-blown celebration of community spirit, athleticism, and creativity.

“This skate park is more than just ramps and rails—it’s a place where kids can be active, express themselves, and build friendships,” said Mayor Mark McCord. “We’re proud to offer a space that reflects the energy and creativity of our youth.”

The park, built to accommodate all skill levels, features a mix of street-style elements and transition zones, making it a destination for both beginners and seasoned riders. As the sun set on a successful opening day, one thing was clear: the Seymour Skate Park is already rolling strong as a new hub of community connection and outdoor fun.

Whether you're a skater, a spectator, or just someone who loves seeing Seymour thrive—this park is for you.

From Streets to Services: Seymour's Weekly Department Highlights

Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate contributed to the health and safety of the community through a variety of wildlife and domestic animal responses this week. Although Officer Shumate was off duty on Monday and the City observed the Veterans Day holiday on Tuesday, the remainder of the week was active and productive. Two dogs were placed in the City pound and successfully released the following day after appropriate procedures were followed. Officer Shumate also responded to a call involving a deceased opossum, ensuring its safe removal from public areas. In addition to domestic animal care, Officer Shumate addressed several wildlife concerns. He successfully captured and removed three skunks and three raccoons from residential areas, helping to prevent potential health risks and property damage. His continued efforts play a vital role in maintaining public safety and supporting the City's animal control operations.

The Street Department, under the supervision of Ronnie Kolacek, continued to make steady progress on several key projects this week, contributing to the upkeep and improvement of city infrastructure. Crews utilized the department's new mower attachment for the skid steer to mow the creek area at the city park. This new equipment significantly improved efficiency and allowed for a more thorough clearing of overgrown vegetation, enhancing both aesthetics and drainage. Demolition efforts also continued on a residential structure located on North Tackitt Street. The team made substantial headway in safely removing debris and preparing the site for future use, as part of the City's ongoing property cleanup initiative. In coordination with the Water Department, the Street Department assisted in the repair of a residential driveway following the installation of a new water tap. Their support ensured the site was restored promptly and safely for the customer. Additionally, the department completed routine equipment maintenance and repairs, ensuring all machinery remains in optimal working condition. Staff also responded to multiple work orders, including moving and spreading gravel on a roadway at the request of a resident. The department continues to demonstrate flexibility and teamwork in addressing both scheduled projects and emergent needs across the city.

The City of Seymour's **Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant**, under the leadership of Supervisor John Davis, continues to play a vital role in delivering safe, high-quality drinking water to the community. Over the past week, the plant successfully produced 3.9 million gallons of treated water, which was distributed to both the City of Seymour and the Baylor Water Supply Corporation. Throughout the week, plant operators remained diligent in their daily responsibilities to ensure water quality and system efficiency. Their work included monitoring chlorine residuals at various points across town to maintain safe disinfection levels, as well as tracking the volume of wastewater discharged from the plant to ensure compliance with environmental standards. Operators also conducted daily readings on the primary RO units, ensuring optimal performance and early detection of any irregularities. In addition, they titrated the chemical feed systems to maintain proper chemical dosing and balance, and performed quality control checks on handheld meters used to measure water quality parameters. The dedication and precision of the RO Plant team help ensure that Seymour residents and surrounding communities continue to receive clean, reliable water every day. Their behind-the-scenes efforts are essential to the health and well-being of our city.

The **Electric Department** continued its essential work this week, balancing routine maintenance with seasonal preparations to support the city's infrastructure and holiday spirit. Crews began installing Christmas lights and decorations throughout Seymour, including work on the iconic Christmas angels that bring joy to residents and visitors alike. In the park, the team installed new power banks and extended electrical service to the north side, ensuring full coverage for the upcoming Christmas Lights in the Park display. In addition to these festive efforts, the department completed its regular vehicle maintenance checks and conducted weekly reclosure readings to ensure system reliability. Staff responded to several service needs across town, including repairing a service line and restoring power on North Stratton, fixing a streetlight on West Idaho, and repairing a decorative light on Washington Street. The team also supported improvements at the golf course by loading and delivering utility poles to the site. Through their dedication and teamwork, the Electric Department continues to enhance the quality of life in Seymour, keeping the city powered, safe, and beautifully lit for the holiday season.

The **Seymour Police Department**, under the leadership of Chief Bryce Sawyer, continued its commitment to public safety and community engagement through a series of impactful actions this week. Officers assisted Archer County authorities in a vehicle pursuit, providing critical support to neighboring law enforcement and demonstrating strong regional cooperation. Locally, the department served two important warrants—one for a felon in possession of a firearm, and another for the unlawful use of a motor vehicle—removing individuals engaged in criminal activity from the community and reinforcing the department’s dedication to justice. In addition to enforcement efforts, officers conducted a school visit, strengthening relationships with students and staff while promoting safety and trust. The department also maintained a visible presence through traffic enforcement, helping to ensure safe roadways and compliance with local laws. The Seymour Police Department continues to serve with professionalism and integrity, working each day to protect and connect with the community it proudly represents.

The **Seymour Water Department**, under the leadership of Supervisor Chase Hoyt, continued its essential work this week to maintain and improve the city’s water and sewer infrastructure. Crews successfully installed a new water tap on East Idaho Street, expanding service access for a local property. Following recent leak repairs, the department also filled and restored holes left behind, ensuring safe and clean conditions for residents and motorists. In response to customer needs, the team completed several utility locates, helping to prevent accidental damage during construction or digging projects. A significant repair was also made to a 2-inch water line on Sunset Street, restoring proper water flow and preventing further loss. In addition to water system maintenance, the department addressed a sewer line issue on Cedar Street, identifying and repairing the problem to prevent backups and protect public health. The Water Department remains committed to providing reliable service and quick response to infrastructure needs, ensuring the continued well-being of the Seymour community.

Seymour Sparkles: Electric Department Powers a Magical Holiday Season



Electric Department staff members John Joyce and Johnathon Olinger have started installing Christmas decorations throughout town, bringing festive cheer to the community.

As the holiday season approaches, the City of Seymour is already glowing with festive spirit, thanks to the tireless efforts of the Electric Department, led by Supervisor John Joyce. With precision, pride, and a touch of holiday magic, the department has begun installing Christmas lights and decorations throughout town, transforming familiar streets into a winter wonderland. This year’s preparations are especially exciting. The Electric Department has not only adorned the city with dazzling displays but also installed new power banks in the park and extended electrical service to the north side, paving the way for an even more spectacular Christmas Lights in the Park experience. At the heart of this beloved tradition is the Kay Bradley Family, whose ongoing partnership with the City continues to elevate the park’s holiday display year after year. What began as a local celebration has grown into an area-wide destination, drawing visitors from across the region to witness Seymour’s radiant charm. “The lights in the park are more than decorations—they’re a symbol of community, generosity, and joy,” said one city official. “Every year, more families come to see the display, and every year it gets better.” From the glowing Court House to the twinkling streets and the breathtaking park, Seymour’s holiday beauty is undeniable. It’s a collective effort, with each organization playing a role in making Christmas magical for residents and visitors alike. As the lights flicker on and the season unfolds, Seymour stands as a shining example of what happens when a community comes together—with heart, hard work, and a shared love for the holidays.