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- November 1st, 2025 Grand Opening of Seymour Skate Park; Time: TBD
- November 11th, 2025 City Hall Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day.
- November 27th and 28th City Hall Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving
- 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.
- First Thursdays Bingo at Portwood Pavillion 6:00 PM

Haunted City Hall-oween: A Celebration of Community Connection

SEYMOUR, TX — October 25, 2025 This past Saturday, the City of Seymour proudly hosted its annual Haunted City Hall-oween event—a tradition that goes far beyond costumes and candy. At its heart, the celebration reflects the City of Seymour's deep commitment to serving our residents and enhancing the quality of life for every citizen. Events like this are designed to bring people together, build lasting relationships, and create memories that strengthen the bonds within our community. City Hall was transformed into a festive fright zone, complete with spooky decorations and playful goblins tucked into every corner. Outside, city departments—including Fire, Police, and Public Works—joined the fun by decorating their vehicles and handing out candy to excited trick-or-treaters. Their presence wasn't just for entertainment—it was a chance to connect with families, show support, and build trust between city staff and the people they serve. California Street came alive with community spirit as local businesses and residents lined the sidewalks, offering treats and warm smiles to Seymour's youngest ghouls and goblins. Mayor McCord and members of the City Council Lan Winn, Skyler Henricks, Nancy Townley and help from Todd Hrnecirik, supervisor at Salt Fork assisted the council as they added to the welcoming atmosphere by grilling hotdogs and serving up friendly conversation alongside the food. After the Trunk-or-Treat festivities, the crowd gathered for a lively costume contest. Children and adults alike showcased their creativity, with awards handed out for the most impressive, hilarious, and haunting costumes of the night. The City of Seymour extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated and helped make the evening a success. Haunted City Hall-oween is more than just a seasonal celebration—it's a reflection of our dedication to building a stronger, more connected community. As Halloween approaches, we encourage all families to stay safe, be visible, and enjoy the holiday with care. When Seymour celebrates, it does so with heart, purpose, and pride.

"Seymour's Spooktacular Stars: Costume Contest Winners Revealed!"



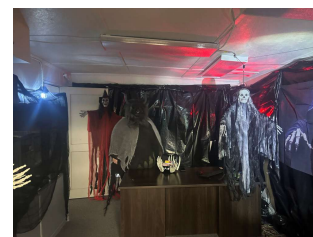
The winners for the annual costume contest are pictured above from left to right. The Tarrington Rivers Family won the Best Pop culture Costume decked out as Fred Jones and Daphne Blake from Scooby-Doo and Funniest Costme was Christine Kiler as Velma Dinkley. Most Original was Ross Johnson, Most Creative was Ben Bush, Prettiest was Lexi Hale, Most Grim was Colin Wheeler, Most Gory was Hayes Wheeler, Funniest Costume was Kyana Stone, Best Handmade was Leia Wyatt, and Cutest was Lilith Riley.



Pictured above Mayor Mark McCord, Councilman Skyler Henricks, Nancy Townley, Lan Winn cook and serve hotdogs for the community. Todd Hrnecirik is pictured on the grill.



Pictured above Chief Bryce Sawyer is all dressed up to support our community during the Haunted City Hall event.



Pictured above, John Davis—RO Plant Operator and Payroll Clerk—transformed his office into a den of Halloween mischief, complete with a fearsome wolf and a gang of lurking goblins.

From Streets to Services: Seymour's Weekly Department Highlights

Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate had a busy week responding to twelve animal-related calls throughout the community. He removed several deceased animals from city streets, including two deer, three cats, and one possum. In addition to those pickups, he collected four dogs, adding to the two already in the pound, and released two back to their owners. Officer Shumate also relocated three possums and one raccoon to safe areas outside city limits. Wild hog activity was notable this week, with three hogs captured at the golf course and eight more at the sewer plant. His continued efforts help keep Seymour safe and clean for residents and animals alike.

This week, **Ronnie Kolacek and the Street Department** team wrapped up the city's annual cleanup week, collecting debris from around town to help keep Seymour looking its best. Their efforts made a noticeable difference across neighborhoods and public spaces. The crew also began the demolition process on a dilapidated property located on Main Street next to Sonic. Initial work included clearing trees and debris from the site. Once that phase is complete, bins will be brought in so the structure can be safely torn down and removed. In addition to cleanup and demolition, the department focused on equipment maintenance. Their skid steer continues to present mechanical challenges, and the team is working to resolve the issues to keep operations running smoothly. Finally, the department removed barricades from last week's Street Dance and placed new ones in preparation for the upcoming Haunted City Hall celebration. Mr. Kolacek and his crew continue to serve the community with dedication and hard work, keeping Seymour safe, clean, and ready for seasonal events.

Under the supervision of **John Davis, the Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant** continues to play a vital role in providing clean and reliable water to the community. Over the past week, the plant produced an impressive 4.4 million gallons of treated water, which was distributed to both the City of Seymour and the Baylor Water Supply Corporation. Throughout the week, the plant operator carried out a series of critical tasks to ensure water quality and system efficiency. Chlorine residuals were monitored across town to maintain safe disinfection levels, and the amount of wastewater discharged from the plant was carefully tracked. Daily readings were taken on the primary RO units to monitor performance, and the antiscalant chemical feed was titrated to prevent scaling within the system. Quality control checks were performed on both the feed water and product water instrument panels to ensure accurate readings and system integrity. Additionally, the one man team changed out the pre-filters in one of the primary RO trains, a key maintenance step in keeping the plant running smoothly. John Davis continues to demonstrate dedication and precision in their work, helping to ensure the community has access to safe, high-quality water every day.

The **Seymour Electric Department, under the supervision of John Joyce**, continued its essential work across the city this week, focusing on maintenance, service upgrades, and community support. Routine vehicle maintenance checks were completed to ensure all department vehicles remain in safe working condition. Weekly readings of reclosures were also conducted, helping monitor and maintain system reliability. Crews responded to multiple locate requests and dragged brush from various areas to keep lines and access points clear. On Main Street, four streetlights were repaired or replaced, improving nighttime visibility and safety. Significant service work was completed on North Foley, where trees were trimmed and a service line was replaced. The team also changed out and updated meters for three local businesses, ensuring accurate and efficient service. Safety remained a priority as staff tested their protective gloves to meet compliance standards. Power was reinstalled at the Seymour Clinic, restoring essential services. Additional trimming and service maintenance were completed on the 400 block of North Cedar Street, and a service line and pole were replaced on North Browning. A new service line was also installed on North East Street. Finally, the department assisted in preparations for the upcoming Haunted City Hall celebration, helping set the stage for a safe and successful community event. John Joyce and his team continue to provide reliable service and support to the residents of Seymour with professionalism and

The **Seymour Police Department**, led by Chief Bryce Sawyer, continued its active role in protecting and serving the community this past week through a variety of efforts. Officers successfully initiated and recovered a stolen vehicle, demonstrating quick response and coordination. The department also conducted numerous welfare checks, ensuring the safety and well-being of residents in need. An ongoing felony theft investigation progressed as officers continued gathering information and pursuing leads. Traffic enforcement remained a priority, helping to maintain safe roadways throughout Seymour. In addition to law enforcement duties, officers made school visits to engage with students and staff, reinforcing positive relationships and community trust. The department also worked closely with City Hall to address issues involving trailer houses that were illegally parked around town. This collaborative effort aims to ensure compliance with local ordinances and maintain orderly neighborhoods.

The **Seymour Water Department**, under the supervision of Chase Hoyt, continued its essential work this week to maintain and improve city infrastructure. Crews completed a sewer tap installation at Roots Retreat and responded to an 8-inch water line leak on Stratton Street, ensuring timely repairs to minimize service disruption. In addition, the team filled multiple holes around town to improve road safety and aesthetics. Routine maintenance included rodding the sewer line on Lincoln Street to prevent blockages and performing regular water service turn-offs and turn-ons as needed. Each morning, department staff made rounds to check all lift stations, confirming they are operating properly and efficiently. Supervisor Chase Hoyt also attended a city employee benefits meeting and participated in a planning session for a potential construction project within city limits, helping coordinate future infrastructure needs. The Water Department remains committed to providing reliable service and maintaining the systems that keep Seymour running smoothly.



Haunted City Hall-oween 2025 was a frightfully fun success thanks to many including the Scooby-Doo Gang, Professor Bush, Water Department Supervisor Chase Hoyt, and the wildly creative Street Department crew. Check out more photos and relive the memories that made this night one for the books!

