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### City of Seymour Upcoming Events

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- March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Spring Break City Holiday
- March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 City Council Meeting at City Hall. 7:00 PM
- April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 City Council Meeting at City Hall at 7:00 PM
- First Thursdays Bingo at Portwood Pavillion 6:00 PM

## Braving the Cold: Seymour Anglers Reel in Fun at Salt Fork Trout Tournament

**Seymour, Texas:** Despite brisk temperatures and winter winds, anglers bundled up and gathered with excitement for the City of Seymour's Trout Fishing Tournament held Saturday, February 21, 2026, at the Salt Fork Recreational Facility. The chilly weather did little to dampen spirits, as families and young fishermen lined the banks of the stocked pond hoping to reel in the biggest trout of the day.

Each year, the pond is stocked by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department with trout during the winter months, followed by catfish stocking in the spring. This seasonal tradition provides year-round fishing opportunities for the community and has become an outdoor event for local families.

While competitors arrived eager to land the largest trout, the fish had other plans. Instead of trophy trout, several participants hooked alternate species, proving that the day's catch would be full of surprises. Taking home first place honors was Owen Latham, who landed an impressive 11-inch crappie. Jackson Moline followed in second place with a 7-inch crappie. Third place went to Kyson Latham with a 5-inch sunfish, and Ethan Stevens secured fourth place with a 4-inch sunfish. Additional participants Bo Stevens and Lyla Stevens also joined in the fun, contributing to the festive and family-friendly atmosphere.

The tournament was overseen by golf course staff member Sean Weiser alongside representatives from Texas Parks and Wildlife, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable event for all involved. Their presence helped reinforce conservation awareness and encouraged young anglers to appreciate outdoor recreation and responsible fishing practices.

City officials extend their congratulations to all the winners and participants who braved the cold and made the tournament a memorable success. Community members are reminded that the fishing pond remains open year-round, offering a relaxing and affordable recreational opportunity. For just \$10.00, residents and visitors can enjoy fishing at this beautiful public facility at any time by calling City Hall at (940) 889-3148 to make arrangements.

Events like the annual trout tournament highlight the value of Seymour's recreational amenities and the strong sense of community that brings residents together—even on the coldest of winter mornings.



Pictured left to right: 1st place winner Owen Latham, 2nd place winner Jackson Moline, and 3rd place winner Kyson Latham with representatives from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department presenting the awards.

# From Streets to Services: Seymour's Weekly Department Highlights

Under the leadership of Ronnie Kolacek, the **Street Department** continued to make strong progress this week in supporting community cleanup and neighborhood improvement efforts across Seymour. Crews focused on coordinated property cleanup activities along West McLain Street and North East Street, removing debris and addressing areas that had contributed to visual blight and drainage concerns. Significant progress was also made on a property located on South Tackitt Street, where ongoing efforts are steadily transforming the site into a safer and more presentable area for nearby residents. Following this week's accomplishments, the department plans to concentrate additional time and resources on the Tackitt Street property to complete remaining cleanup and stabilization work. This focused approach will ensure the area is fully addressed and maintained to city standards. In addition to large-scale cleanup projects, the department also assisted a local property owner by cleaning out an alleyway to improve accessibility, sanitation, and overall neighborhood appearance. These efforts reflect the department's continued commitment to maintaining infrastructure, enhancing community aesthetics, and supporting residents through responsive and proactive service.

The **Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant**, under the supervision of John Davis, maintained strong operational performance over the past week. The plant produced approximately 3.9 million gallons of treated water, which was reliably distributed to the City of Seymour and Baylor Water Supply Corporation to meet ongoing community and regional water demands. Throughout the week, plant operators conducted routine monitoring of chlorine residuals across the distribution system to ensure water quality standards were consistently met. Staff also tracked wastewater discharge levels from the facility and recorded daily operational readings on the primary RO units to verify optimal treatment efficiency and system stability. In addition, the team completed the required monthly laboratory sampling and testing, which monitors the water supply for microbial contaminants and confirms continued compliance with state and federal drinking water regulations. These efforts reflect the plant's continued commitment to delivering safe, high-quality water and maintaining dependable operations that support both local residents and regional partners.

This week, the **Electric Department**, under the supervision of John Joyce, conducted comprehensive maintenance and operational activities to ensure the reliability and safety of the city's electrical infrastructure. Staff performed weekly vehicle maintenance checks and recorded readings from reclosures, while also completing routine locates. Field crews drove out circuits 2 and 6 to investigate potential issues and successfully restored power to circuit 2. Several infrastructure improvements were made, including fixing a cross arm on E. Nevada Street, installing a new pole on W. Cora Street, and replacing a pole and crossarm on W. Custer Street. Additional work included repairing a streetlight on W. Nevada Street, taking meter readings, cutting and dragging brush on S. Tackitt Street, and producing new signage for the park. These efforts reflect the department's ongoing commitment to maintaining safe and reliable electric service for the community.

The **Seymour Police Department**, under the leadership of Bryce Sawyer, remained actively engaged this week in providing comprehensive law enforcement and public safety services throughout the community. Officers responded to a variety of calls for service, addressing routine and priority incidents to ensure the safety and well-being of residents. The department also conducted numerous security checks of local businesses, public facilities, and neighborhoods as part of its proactive policing efforts to deter criminal activity and maintain a visible presence in the community. Traffic enforcement remained a continued focus, with officers monitoring roadways to promote safe driving practices and reduce traffic-related violations. In addition, code enforcement citations were issued where necessary to support compliance with local ordinances and help maintain community standards. The department also provided civil standby assistance to ensure peaceful and orderly interactions during private matters requiring law enforcement presence. Officers further supported regional public safety efforts by assisting the Baylor County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety with a crash investigation, demonstrating continued interagency cooperation and commitment to public safety across the region.

In addition, the Chief attended the Texas Police Chief Leadership Series hosted in Texas through the Texas Police Chiefs Association, completing 40 hours of advanced training approved by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). This professional development enhances leadership, policy implementation, and strategic policing practices, directly strengthening the department's ability to deliver high-quality, accountable, and community-focused law enforcement services to the citizens of Seymour.

The **Water Department**, under the supervision of Chase Hoyt, completed several important infrastructure and maintenance tasks this week to ensure reliable utility service and improve operational efficiency. Crews promptly responded to and repaired water leaks on Morris Street and Washington Street, helping prevent water loss and maintain system integrity. In addition, the department repaired a sewer line on Pecan Street and conducted sewer line rodding on Lincoln Street to improve flow capacity and reduce the risk of future blockages. Facility improvements were also a focus this week. Staff completed construction of the new fence at the Water Department facility, enhancing both security and organization of equipment and materials. The team also performed a thorough cleanup of the yard surrounding the facility to present a more professional appearance and improve overall site functionality. Looking ahead, the department met with the project contractor to review plans and coordination details for the upcoming water line grant project. Construction is anticipated to begin around March 8, 2026, and will represent a significant investment in strengthening the City's water infrastructure and long-term service reliability.

Operations at the **Salt Fork Golf Course** continue to show steady progress under the supervision of Ronnie Kolacek. Daily course maintenance and turf management efforts are being led by dedicated greensmen Sean Weiser and Shawn Sanchez, whose work is making a noticeable and positive impact on course conditions. A primary focus this season has been restoring the course's sprinkler system to full functionality with complete automation. Significant progress has been achieved toward this goal. This week, crews successfully completed the wiring for the sprinkler systems serving the No. 5 and No. 8 tee boxes, marking an important milestone in improving irrigation efficiency and turf health across the course. The team has also launched the annual chemical treatment program, beginning with applications on the greens to promote healthy growth and protect turf quality. In addition, park areas were sprayed as part of routine grounds maintenance to ensure a well-kept and visually appealing environment for golfers and visitors. As Bermuda grass begins to come out of dormancy, staff have initiated a coordinated watering and mowing schedule to encourage strong, even growth on the greens. Considerable time was also dedicated this week to clearing irrigation lines, an important preventative measure to keep sprinklers from clogging and to maintain reliable system performance. Through these focused efforts, the Salt Fork Golf Course continues to improve playability, aesthetics, and long-term turf health, reflecting the team's commitment to providing a high-quality recreational asset for the Seymour community.