

Weekly Beat

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City of Seymour Upcoming Events

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- First Thursdays Bingo at Portwood Pavillion 6:00 PM

Seymour Golf Club Donates \$25,000 Greens Mower to Improve Salt Fork Course



Pictured from left to right are Head Greensman Shawn Weiser, Golf Club President John Anderson, and Mayor Mark McCord, alongside the greens mower generously donated by the Seymour Golf Club.

Seymour, Texas: The City of Seymour, Texas is proud to recognize a generous contribution from the Seymour Golf Club, which has donated a new greens mower to the City’s Salt Fork Golf Course.

The Golf Club, known for its strong community involvement, continues to make a meaningful impact in Seymour. Throughout the year, the organization hosts multiple tournaments, provides scholarships for local youth, and actively supports ongoing improvements at the golf course. This year, club members voted to purchase and donate a \$25,000 greens mower, further demonstrating their commitment to enhancing the quality of the course.

The addition of this modern and dependable equipment will provide significant benefits for the golf course and its staff. A new greens mower allows for more consistent and precise maintenance of the greens, which directly improves playability and overall course conditions. Reliable equipment also reduces downtime and maintenance challenges, enabling staff to operate more efficiently and maintain higher standards across the facility.

These improvements are expected to elevate the experience for golfers while preserving the long-term quality of the course. Having updated equipment ensures that the greens remain smooth, uniform, and well-maintained—key factors in delivering a high-quality golfing experience.

This donation highlights the strong partnership between the City and the Seymour Golf Club. Working together, both organizations are able to accomplish far more than they could independently, ultimately benefiting the entire community.

The City encourages residents and visitors alike to come out and enjoy all that the golf complex has to offer. In addition to golf, the facility features a wide range of amenities, including swimming, fishing, tennis, and the “19th Hole,” which offers a virtual golf experience, pool table, and television for social gatherings.

The continued support from the Seymour Golf Club reflects the strength of community partnerships and the shared goal of providing quality recreational opportunities for all.

From Streets to Services: Seymour's Weekly Department Highlights

The City of Seymour, Texas **Street Department**, under the supervision of Ronnie Kolacek, continued its efforts this week to maintain and improve public spaces throughout the community. Crews focused on a variety of routine maintenance activities aimed at enhancing both safety and appearance across the city. Work included mowing the city park and surrounding walking trail areas, helping ensure these heavily used recreational spaces remain clean, accessible, and enjoyable for residents. In addition, department personnel completed pothole patching throughout various roadways, addressing wear and tear to improve driving conditions and reduce potential vehicle damage. These ongoing repairs are part of the department's commitment to maintaining safe and functional streets across the city. The Street Department also began preparations for upcoming cleanup efforts by initiating brush pickup throughout designated areas. This work supports the city's seasonal cleanup initiative and helps maintain overall community cleanliness and curb appeal. Through these continued efforts, the Street Department remains focused on maintaining essential infrastructure and enhancing the quality of life for residents throughout Seymour.

The City of Seymour **Water Department**, under the supervision of Chase Hoyt, completed a week of field operations focused on system maintenance, utility repairs, and coordination on upcoming infrastructure improvements. Throughout the week, crews responded to multiple service needs across the city. Work included filling various holes identified in utility work areas to restore safe and stable surface conditions for residents and traffic. Significant repair work was completed in the alley behind Biggs Pizza, where the department addressed and repaired a sewer line issue, restoring proper wastewater service and helping prevent further system disruption. On Stratton Street, crews completed both a water tap and sewer tap installation, expanding utility access for service connections in the area. While working in the same corridor, the department also responded to and repaired a water leak on Stratton Street, restoring service and ensuring continued water reliability for nearby customers. Utility locating remained an ongoing responsibility during the week, with crews completing multiple locates to support safe excavation work and protect underground infrastructure during construction and maintenance activities. In addition to field operations, department staff met with an engineer to discuss planning and coordination for a water project on McLain Street, helping move forward long-term infrastructure improvements aimed at strengthening system reliability and capacity. The Water Department continues to focus on maintaining essential utility services, responding to immediate infrastructure needs, and supporting future system improvements through engineering coordination and proactive maintenance efforts.

The City of Seymour **Electric Department**, under the supervision of John Joyce, completed a productive week of field operations focused on system reliability, infrastructure maintenance, and service restoration across multiple areas of the city. Throughout the week, crews conducted weekly vehicle maintenance inspections, ensuring all department equipment remained in safe and operational condition. Staff also completed weekly recloser readings, an essential part of monitoring system performance and maintaining reliable power distribution across circuits. Locating utility lines remained an ongoing priority, with crews completing multiple locates to support safe excavation and prevent service disruptions for contractors and residents. Training and professional development also continued within the department. Jonathan Olinger attended specialized transformer training, strengthening the department's technical capabilities related to installation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of critical electrical equipment. Field crews responded to a series of service and infrastructure needs throughout the city. Work included driving out and restoring power along North Washington Street, as well as disconnecting and reconnecting electrical service on East McLain Street to support system adjustments and maintenance activities. Additional system improvements included replacing a cutout on North Cedar Street and restoring service on a portion of Circuit 2, both of which contributed to improved system stability and reliability for affected customers. The department also completed several infrastructure upgrades and repairs across the city. Crews installed a new electric service on North Stratton Street and updated a service line on West Clay Street to improve service reliability and meet current demand. Street lighting and distribution infrastructure were also addressed, including replacement of a street light line on North 13th Street, replacement of a transformer on North Cedar Street, and removal and replacement of a damaged utility pole on North Main Street. The Electric Department continues to prioritize system reliability, safety, and proactive maintenance while responding to day-to-day operational needs across the city's electric distribution network.

The City of **Seymour Police Department**, under the supervision of Chief Bryce Sawyer, continued its steady presence in the community this week through a combination of law enforcement activity, public safety support, and professional development. Officers responded to a variety of calls for service throughout the week, addressing incidents and providing assistance to residents as needed. These calls represent the department's ongoing commitment to maintaining public safety and responding promptly to community needs. In addition to active calls, officers conducted regular security checks across residential and business areas in the city. These proactive patrols are designed to deter criminal activity, ensure property safety, and maintain a visible law enforcement presence throughout Seymour. The department also carried out routine traffic enforcement operations, focusing on roadway safety, compliance with traffic laws, and reducing the risk of accidents in key travel areas. As part of continued professional development and grant-related planning, department representatives attended an MVCPA Grant Workshop. The workshop provides guidance and resources related to motor vehicle crime prevention funding opportunities, helping agencies strengthen enforcement capabilities and improve regional coordination. Officers also provided assistance during a funeral service, supporting traffic control and ensuring a safe and respectful environment for attendees. Chief Bryce Sawyer emphasized the department's ongoing commitment to both proactive policing and community support, noting that these combined efforts help maintain safety, order, and trust within the City of Seymour. The Seymour Police Department continues to balance daily operational responsibilities with training and outreach opportunities aimed at enhancing service delivery to the community.

The City of **Seymour's Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant**, under the supervision of RO Plant Supervisor John Davis, continued steady and reliable operations over the past week, producing a total of 3.9 million gallons of treated water. The finished water was distributed to both the City of Seymour and the Baylor Water Supply Corporation, supporting regional demand and maintaining consistent system performance. Throughout the week, plant operators maintained a strong focus on water quality, system monitoring, and regulatory compliance. Routine checks included daily monitoring of chlorine residuals across multiple points within the city's distribution system to ensure disinfectant levels remained within required standards and provided safe, reliable drinking water to customers. Operators also tracked and recorded the volume of wastewater discharged from the RO facility as part of ongoing operational reporting and regulatory documentation. In addition, daily operational readings were taken on the primary RO treatment units to ensure optimal performance and identify any early indicators of system inefficiency or maintenance needs. Chemical treatment processes remained a key focus during the week, with operators conducting titration checks on the antiscalant feed system. These checks help ensure proper chemical dosing, which is essential in preventing membrane scaling and extending the life and efficiency of the RO system. Beyond treatment operations, staff also dedicated time to facility upkeep and administrative organization. The main RO office was cleaned and reorganized to improve workflow efficiency and maintain a professional working environment for plant personnel and visiting staff. In addition, operators continued work on the 2025 Water Loss Audit, a critical reporting process used to evaluate system efficiency, identify potential water loss within the distribution network, and support long-term infrastructure planning and accountability. Supervisor John Davis emphasized consistent attention to detail and operational discipline as key factors in maintaining system reliability and water quality standards. The RO Plant continues to serve as a vital component of the City's water infrastructure, ensuring safe and dependable water delivery to the community and regional partners.

The City of Seymour **Animal Control** Officer, Rick Shumate, had a busy week responding to a wide range of animal-related calls and public safety concerns throughout the community. During the week, Officer Shumate captured and removed 15 dogs roaming at large across the city. Of those currently in custody, five animals remain at the city pound and are in need of adoption placement. In coordination with local veterinary support from Dr. Tucker, one dog received a rabies vaccination. Due to aggressive behavior that posed a safety risk, one dog had to be humanely euthanized following established protocols. Officer Shumate also responded to numerous wildlife-related situations, including the removal of one skunk, nine possums, and a squirrel at Portwood Pavilion. Additional nuisance wildlife calls included beehive removals at both the bike park and inside a water meter on Nevada Street. The department also handled multiple deceased animal pickups throughout the week, including two squirrels, one cat, and one possum, helping maintain sanitary conditions and public safety across the city. In total, Officer Shumate responded to 28 animal-related service calls, reflecting a high level of activity and ongoing community need for animal control services. The City appreciates the continued efforts of Animal Control in managing both domestic and wildlife-related issues to ensure the safety and well-being of residents throughout Seymour.

Work continues to enhance the playing conditions at **Salt Fork Golf Course**, where Head Greensman Sean Weiser and staff member Shawn Sanchez have completed a week of intensive course maintenance.

Throughout the week, the grounds crew focused on verticutting, aerating, and topdressing all greens, key agronomic practices that promote healthier turf and improved playing surfaces. Verticutting helps remove excess thatch and encourages stronger grass growth, while aeration relieves soil compaction and allows water, nutrients, and oxygen to better reach the root system. Topdressing further enhances these efforts by smoothing the surface and improving overall turf consistency.

In addition to these specialized treatments, the crew maintained its regular mowing schedule, continuing weekly upkeep of fairways, tees, and roughs. This routine maintenance ensures the course remains visually appealing and playable for golfers of all skill levels.

These ongoing improvements reflect a strong commitment by the golf course staff to maintain high-quality conditions and provide an enjoyable experience for all who visit Salt Fork Golf Course.

