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- June 18th, 2026 City Council Meeting at 7:00 PM City Hall
- July 4th, 2026 Chamber of Commerce Firework Display at Salt Fork Recreational Complex.
- July 15th 2026 City Council Meeting at 7:00 PM City Hall
- July 21st-23rd, 2026 City of Seymour Golf Camp, 9-12 at Salt Fork Golf Course
- First Thursdays Bingo at Portwood Pavillion 6:00 PM

Protecting Public Health: Seymour Begins Seasonal Mosquito Control Efforts



SEYMOUR, TEXAS; The City of Seymour has begun mosquito spraying operations throughout the community as part of an ongoing effort to reduce mosquito populations and help minimize mosquito-related concerns for residents.

Under the direction of Street Superintendent Ronnie Kolacek, the Street Department is conducting mosquito spraying activities during evening and nighttime hours when environmental conditions are most favorable for treatment effectiveness. Timing these applications is important because calmer nighttime conditions allow the spray to drift appropriately and increase contact with mosquito populations.

City crews carefully monitor conditions before spraying to maximize effectiveness and support responsible application practices throughout the community.

As spraying operations occur, the City encourages residents to take simple precautions during treatment periods by remaining indoors when possible and keeping windows closed to minimize exposure and improve treatment effectiveness.

To help residents stay informed, the City plans to communicate anticipated spraying schedules and treatment nights through its social media channels. These notifications will provide updates regarding planned operations and any scheduling changes due to weather or environmental conditions.

Mosquito control is one component of the City's broader commitment to public health, quality of life, and maintaining safe public spaces for residents and visitors. By proactively addressing mosquito activity, the City aims to reduce nuisance conditions and help limit potential risks associated with mosquito populations.

The City of Seymour appreciates the continued cooperation of the community as crews work to carry out these efforts and remains committed to providing services that support a healthy and safe environment for all.

From Streets to Services: Seymour's Weekly Department Highlights



Pictured above is Jaxon Carrington who was selected as the lifeguard of the week by Pool Manager Kaila Donnell.

The City of **Seymour Swimming Pool** continued to serve as a place for recreation, family fun, and community connection this past week as a total of 353 visitors enjoyed time at the facility. The pool remained a popular destination throughout the week, with Tuesday recording the highest attendance at 89 visitors, reflecting strong community participation and the continued value the pool provides to residents and families during the summer season. Behind every successful day at the pool is a dedicated team working to ensure a safe, welcoming, and enjoyable experience for all guests. This week, the City is proud to recognize Jaxon Carrington as Lifeguard of the Week for his outstanding performance and leadership. Jaxon has distinguished himself as a dependable team leader who consistently models excellence in all aspects of his responsibilities. Through his commitment to following through on lifeguard duties, maintaining vigilance, and promoting a safe environment, he has become a positive example for both fellow staff members and pool visitors. In addition to his strong work ethic, Jaxon is recognized for treating all patrons with respect and professionalism while building positive relationships with guests. His ability to create meaningful interactions and maintain a welcoming atmosphere reflects the values and standards the City strives to provide through its recreation programs.

Pool Manager Mrs. Donnell expressed her appreciation for Jaxon's contributions and leadership, noting that she is proud of the example he sets each day and grateful for the energy, responsibility, and positive attitude he brings to the pool. The City of Seymour extends its appreciation to the entire pool staff for their continued dedication to serving the community and helping create a safe and enjoyable environment for all who visit. Through strong leadership, teamwork, and a commitment to excellence, the Seymour Swimming Pool continues to be an important part of summer in our community.

Under the leadership of Water Superintendent Chase Hoyt, the City of Seymour **Water Department** remained actively engaged this week completing infrastructure improvements, responding to service needs, and supporting critical operations across the community. One of the department's key accomplishments this week was the installation of a new water tap on West McLain Street. New service connections are an important part of maintaining and expanding utility services while supporting residential and commercial needs throughout the city. In addition to utility installation work, crews completed ground restoration efforts by filling holes created during previous utility repairs and maintenance activities. These efforts help restore public areas, improve safety conditions, and maintain the appearance and functionality of city streets and rights-of-way. The department also responded to multiple utility locate requests across Seymour. Locates play an essential role in protecting underground infrastructure and preventing accidental damage before excavation or construction work begins. These proactive efforts help preserve service reliability and reduce costly repairs. Water Department personnel addressed and repaired meter leaks at several locations throughout the city, including Custer Street, Powers Street, and Murrie Street. Leak repairs are a critical component of utility operations, helping reduce water loss, improve system efficiency, and ensure dependable service for customers. Beyond routine maintenance and repairs, the department also assisted in troubleshooting a sewer issue at the hospital. Supporting essential community facilities requires technical expertise and quick response, and the department's involvement helped address concerns and maintain continuity of operations at one of Seymour's important public service institutions. The work performed by Chase Hoyt and the Water Department often occurs behind the scenes, yet it directly impacts the quality of life enjoyed by residents each day. From maintaining infrastructure and protecting utility systems to responding to service issues and supporting community partners, the department continues to demonstrate professionalism, responsiveness, and dedication to public service.

Under the direct leadership of Street Superintendent Ronnie Kolacek, the City of Seymour **Street Department** continued its commitment to maintaining public spaces, supporting city operations, and improving community infrastructure through a productive week of work across multiple locations. Throughout the week, Street Department personnel completed brush mulching operations to improve property conditions, reduce overgrowth, and maintain the appearance and accessibility of public areas. These efforts contribute to both community aesthetics and ongoing property maintenance throughout the city. Crews also performed mowing and grounds maintenance at various City-owned properties, helping preserve public spaces and ensure that city facilities remain clean, safe, and welcoming for residents and visitors. At the City Park, employees cleaned out the low water crossing to improve drainage, maintain accessibility, and support proper water flow through the area. Routine maintenance of crossings and drainage features helps reduce debris accumulation and supports the long-term condition of public infrastructure. In support of ongoing projects, the department hauled sand for a contractor, demonstrating the Street Department's role in assisting with operational needs and facilitating work that benefits the community. Additional maintenance activities included mowing at the park and relocating equipment, including the track loader, following completion of cleanup efforts at a property located on West California Street. These activities reflect the department's flexibility and ability to efficiently manage equipment and resources across multiple assignments. The work completed by the Street Department often occurs behind the scenes but plays an important role in maintaining the quality, appearance, and functionality of community assets. Through consistent effort and a strong commitment to service, Ronnie Kolacek and his team continue to support the daily operations that help keep Seymour clean, operational, and prepared for future needs. The City of Seymour appreciates the dedication and hard work of the Street Department and recognizes their continued efforts to improve and maintain the community for all residents.

The City of Seymour's **Animal Control Division**, under the dedicated service of Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate, remained actively engaged this week responding to animal-related concerns, maintaining public safety, and supporting neighborhood quality-of-life initiatives throughout the community. During the week, Officer Shumate picked up a total of six dogs and continued caring for three dogs currently housed at the city pound that remain available for adoption. Animal shelter operations require ongoing attention and care to ensure animals are safely housed while opportunities for reunification or adoption are pursued. Among this week's activities, one pit bull was taken into impound, and Officer Shumate continued efforts to manage and respond to animal-related concerns in accordance with city procedures and public safety standards. Officer Shumate also removed multiple deceased and nuisance animals from the community, including one deceased cat, two deceased raccoons, and one deceased skunk. In addition, five squirrels were removed from areas where they created concerns for residents or property. During the week, one animal identified as requiring rabies-related intervention was addressed by Dr. Tucker to protect public health and reduce potential exposure risks. Beyond animal response activities, Officer Shumate also supported code and neighborhood maintenance efforts by issuing twelve weed notification letters to assist in maintaining community appearance and compliance with local standards. In total, Animal Control responded to eleven animal-related calls during the reporting period, reflecting the continued demand for animal services and community support. The work performed by Officer Rick Shumate extends far beyond responding to stray animals. His responsibilities support public health, neighborhood quality, responsible animal care, and community safety. Through professionalism, responsiveness, and dedication to service, Animal Control continues to play an important role in protecting both residents and animals throughout Seymour. The City of Seymour appreciates Officer Shumate's continued commitment and the positive impact his work has across the community each day.

Under the leadership of Chief Bryce Sawyer, the City of **Seymour Police Department** remained actively engaged this week in protecting the community, responding to calls for assistance, and maintaining public safety throughout the city. During the reporting period, officers responded to a total of 57 calls for service, reflecting the department's continued role in addressing a wide range of community needs and providing timely law enforcement response. Among the week's activity were numerous disturbance calls requiring officers to assess situations, restore order, and help ensure the safety of those involved. These incidents often require professionalism, sound judgment, and effective communication skills as officers work to de-escalate situations and maintain peace within the community. Traffic enforcement efforts also remained a priority throughout the week. Officers continued proactive patrol and traffic enforcement activities designed to improve roadway safety, encourage compliance with traffic laws, and reduce unsafe driving behaviors throughout Seymour. In addition to routine service calls, the department dedicated time and resources to conducting a crimes against children investigation. Investigations involving children require a high degree of professionalism, attention to detail, and coordination to ensure concerns are addressed appropriately while protecting the welfare of those involved.

Officers also conducted numerous welfare checks across the city. Welfare checks are an important public service that often involve checking on vulnerable individuals, responding to concerns from family members or neighbors, and ensuring residents receive assistance when needed. The work performed by the Seymour Police Department extends well beyond enforcement. Officers serve as problem-solvers, community partners, and first responders who stand ready to assist residents in a variety of situations each day. The City of Seymour appreciates the dedication, professionalism, and service demonstrated by Chief Bryce Sawyer and the Seymour Police Department. Their continued commitment to protecting and serving the community helps make Seymour a safer and stronger place to live and work.

The City of **Seymour Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant**, operated under the direction of John Davis, continues to provide a critical public utility function by delivering reliable, high-quality treated water to both the City of Seymour and the Baylor Water Supply Corporation. Over the past week, the facility produced approximately 4.0 million gallons of treated water, maintaining consistent output to meet system demand and regional supply commitments. Throughout the week, plant operators carried out continuous monitoring and operational oversight to ensure water quality standards were met and the treatment process remained stable. A key focus included monitoring chlorine residuals across various points within the distribution system throughout the city. This ongoing tracking helps ensure that disinfectant levels remain within required regulatory ranges and that safe drinking water is maintained for all end users. Operators also closely tracked the volume of wastewater discharged from the RO process, an important operational metric that supports both regulatory compliance and system efficiency analysis. In addition, daily readings were taken on the primary RO units to ensure proper system performance, membrane function, and overall plant stability. Beyond process monitoring, routine facility maintenance was completed to support operational reliability. Grounds surrounding the RO plant were mowed and maintained, contributing to both site safety and facility upkeep. Chemical system management was also performed, including titration of the antiscalant feed to ensure proper dosing levels that protect the RO membranes from scaling and performance degradation. Quality control remained a central component of weekly operations. Plant staff conducted routine QC checks on both the feed water and product water instrumentation panels, verifying accuracy in system readings and ensuring compliance with operational standards. These checks are essential in maintaining confidence in system data and ensuring that treatment processes are functioning as designed.

Under the supervision of John Davis, the RO Plant continues to operate with a strong emphasis on reliability, regulatory compliance, and preventative maintenance. The combination of consistent production, detailed monitoring, and hands-on operational oversight ensures that the City of Seymour's water treatment system remains dependable and capable of meeting both current and future demand.

The City of Seymour **Electric Department**, under the supervision of John Joyce, continues to maintain a steady level of reliability and service across the community through ongoing preventative maintenance, system monitoring, and coordinated field operations. Recent weekly activities reflect both routine system oversight and targeted infrastructure improvements designed to strengthen overall electrical reliability. A key part of the department's weekly routine includes vehicle maintenance checks on all utility trucks and field equipment. These inspections ensure that vehicles remain safe, reliable, and ready for deployment in both scheduled work and emergency response situations. Alongside this, crews complete weekly recloser readings, which are essential for tracking the performance of protective devices within the distribution system. These readings help ensure that circuits are operating correctly and provide early indicators of potential system issues. The department also continues to provide utility locating services for contractors and residents. This work plays an important role in preventing accidental utility strikes during excavation and construction projects, supporting both public safety and infrastructure protection.

In addition to routine maintenance, crews completed a series of field projects aimed at improving system performance and reliability. On W. Miller Street, primary lines were trimmed to improve clearance and reduce the risk of outages caused by vegetation contact. On N. Statton Street, a new electrical service was installed, expanding access to utility service for local needs. On 13th Street, crews replaced two utility poles and installed an additional new pole to reinforce system stability in that area. A damaged primary pole on Knox Lane was repaired, restoring structural integrity and maintaining reliable service delivery. System-wide reliability checks also included a drive-out inspection of Circuit 7, allowing crews to assess line conditions and verify proper operation throughout the circuit. On S. Stratton Street, crews completed both trimming and repair of a service line to improve safety and ensure continued dependable service. On County Road 205, a new service connection was completed to support customer demand and system expansion. Additionally, on West Oregon Street, service was temporarily disconnected and later reconnected to accommodate contractor work, ensuring necessary coordination between utility operations and ongoing construction activities.

Collectively, these efforts reflect a consistent and proactive approach to electric utility management. By combining routine maintenance, system inspections, and targeted infrastructure upgrades, the Electric Department continues to support reliable power delivery throughout Seymour while addressing both immediate operational needs and long-term system resilience. Under John Joyce's leadership, the department remains focused on maintaining safety, improving reliability, and ensuring dependable service for residents, businesses, and contractors across the community.