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- April 17th, 2026 City Council Meeting at City Hall at 7:00 PM
- May 23rd, 2026 at 1:00 PM "Splash Day" Opening Day of the City Pool
- First Thursdays Bingo at Portwood Pavillion 6:00 PM

City of Seymour Announces Annual Cleanup Week: April 6–11, 2026



Seymour, Texas: The City of Seymour is proud to announce its Annual Cleanup Week, scheduled for Monday, April 6, through Saturday, April 11, 2026. This event is a vital opportunity for our community to come together and enhance the beauty, safety, and overall quality of life in our city. Maintaining a clean and orderly community not only improves daily living for residents but also plays a key role in attracting new economic growth and fostering a safe environment for all citizens. The City encourages every household to participate and take advantage of this annual event.

Brush Pickup Guidelines

To ensure the success and efficiency of Cleanup Week, the City requests the following:

- **Brush Only:** Only natural brush material will be collected during this week. Residents are encouraged to trim trees, but please avoid excessive tree cutting. Contractors should not cut down trees and leave them for city collection, as this is outside the scope of Cleanup Week.
- **Proper Placement:** Brush should be placed away from fire hydrants, mailboxes, and other structures, and should be located along the curb in open, accessible areas. Small clippings, including leaves, should be bagged to facilitate easier collection.
- **Transfer Station Option:** Citizens may take brush to the City Transfer Station at no charge if they prefer to dispose of it themselves.

Large Volumes: Residents with larger amounts of trees or brush can schedule a special pickup through City Hall for a fee, allowing the city to remove bulk material safely and efficiently. By following these guidelines, the City can ensure that Cleanup Week runs smoothly, efficiently, and safely for all participants.

Community Impact

Cleanup Week is more than just a civic duty—it is a chance for residents to work together to make Seymour a cleaner, safer, and more welcoming community. Keeping the city free of excess brush and debris helps protect public safety, promotes environmental stewardship, and contributes to the overall pride and attractiveness of our community. The City of Seymour encourages every resident to participate, whether through placing brush for pickup, visiting the transfer station, or volunteering to help neighbors. Together, we can make Cleanup Week 2026 a success and continue to enhance the quality of life for everyone in our community.

For more information or to schedule a large-volume brush pickup, residents may contact City Hall at (940) 889-3148.

From Streets to Services: Seymour's Weekly Department Highlights

The **Street Department**, under the supervision of Ronnie Kolacek, completed a variety of essential maintenance and support activities throughout the week, contributing to both daily operations and ongoing city projects. Crews provided critical assistance to the Water Department by hauling sand and removing dirt from an active work site. This support helped ensure continued progress on infrastructure improvements while maintaining safe and accessible conditions in the area. Routine street maintenance remained a priority, with staff addressing roadway conditions by filling potholes across multiple locations. These efforts help extend the life of city streets and improve driving conditions for residents. In addition to fieldwork, the department conducted necessary equipment maintenance, including repairs to a department truck to ensure reliable operation of the fleet. The team also focused on general city upkeep by mowing municipal property along Highway 422, improving visibility and maintaining the appearance of key entryways into the community. Crews further enhanced public safety by straightening and adjusting traffic and street signs throughout town. Additional work included mulching brush collected from various areas, contributing to overall cleanup and maintenance efforts. The department also spent time preparing equipment and resources in advance of the upcoming cleanup week, ensuring readiness for increased workload and community participation. Overall, the Street Department continues to play a vital role in supporting multiple city functions while maintaining infrastructure and public spaces in an efficient and proactive manner.

The **Water Department**, under the supervision of Chase Hoyt, dedicated the majority of the week to addressing a significant water leak on McLain Street associated with the ongoing water line replacement project. Crews initially attempted to isolate a section of the system by shutting off an existing valve. However, the aging valve began leaking, and efforts to close it caused the situation to progressively worsen. Due to the severity of the leak and limited options for isolation, the City engaged a third-party contractor to assist with the installation of two insertion valves on two of the four intersecting lines in the area. In addition, Water Department staff installed a third valve to help reduce system pressure and control water flow. These combined efforts allowed the team to safely isolate the affected section and remove the failing valve. By approximately noon on the fourth day of work, the leak was successfully repaired and the system stabilized. As a precautionary measure following the repair and temporary disruption of service, a boil water notice was issued. Water samples have been collected and sent to a certified laboratory in Abilene for testing to ensure compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) standards. The notice will remain in effect until test results confirm that water quality meets all regulatory requirements. In addition to the emergency repair, the department completed routine maintenance by rodding a sewer line behind the downtown area to prevent potential blockages and maintain proper system function. Staff also carried out scheduled service disconnections for nonpayment in accordance with City policy. Overall, the Water Department responded effectively to a complex and high-pressure situation, minimizing disruption while maintaining a focus on public health, safety, and regulatory compliance.

The **Electric Department**, under the supervision of John Joyce, maintained its focus on system reliability, preventative maintenance, and timely response to service needs throughout the week. Crews began with routine vehicle maintenance checks, ensuring all department equipment remains safe and operational. In addition, staff completed weekly readings of reclosers, a critical task for monitoring system performance and identifying potential issues within the distribution network. The department also conducted multiple utility locates, supporting both internal projects and external excavation requests to prevent damage to underground infrastructure. Significant effort was dedicated to equipment upkeep, including repairs to the digger truck, where hydraulic leaks were identified and fixed. Crews also completed an oil change on Truck 83, helping extend the life and reliability of the fleet. Field operations included trimming primary lines and repairing lighting on 12th Street, improving both system reliability and public safety. Crews also patrolled Circuit 4, driving out the line to inspect infrastructure and identify any potential maintenance concerns. Additional work included replacing a service line on North Cedar Street and completing routine meter reads across the system. The department responded to outages and infrastructure needs by restoring power on the 600 block of South Cedar Street and installing a new pole and crossarm on East Morris Street, enhancing the strength and reliability of the electric distribution system. Overall, the Electric Department continued to prioritize proactive maintenance, rapid response, and infrastructure improvements, supporting the City of Seymour's commitment to dependable electric service.

At the **Salt Fork Golf Course**, greensmen Sean Weiser and Shawn Sanchez have been actively preparing the City of Seymour Golf Course to ensure it is in top condition for players. A key focus this week has been turf management, including the process of aerating the greens. This practice improves the soil's ability to retain moisture, reduces surface runoff, and promotes healthier root growth—ultimately enhancing the overall playability and durability of the greens. In addition to course work, preparations are underway to open the swimming pool for the season. Staff have removed the pool cover and begun the process of adding chemicals and thoroughly cleaning the facility to ensure it is safe and ready for public use. Equipment maintenance has also been a priority, with crews performing routine work to ensure all machinery is operating efficiently and ready for the increased demands of the season. Daily operations continue to focus on watering and mowing, which remain essential to maintaining high-quality turf conditions. These ongoing efforts are critical in delivering a consistent and enjoyable experience for golfers. Overall, the work being carried out reflects a proactive approach to seasonal preparation, ensuring that both the golf course and associated facilities are ready to serve the community in the weeks ahead.

Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate remained actively engaged in protecting public safety and responding to community needs throughout the week. During this period, Officer Shumate removed several nuisance and potentially hazardous animals from within the city limits, including four raccoons, one possum, five squirrels, and two cats. These efforts help reduce risks to both residents and property while maintaining a safe environment across the community. In addition to wildlife control, Officer Shumate responded to domestic animal concerns. He successfully captured two pit bulls and one Labrador retriever, all of which were safely returned to their respective owners. This reflects a continued emphasis on responsible pet ownership and effective resolution of animal-related issues without further incident. Throughout the week, Animal Control also received and responded to ten animal-related calls, addressing a range of concerns from residents and ensuring timely service and follow-up. Overall, the work of Animal Control continues to play an important role in safeguarding the public, managing stray and nuisance animals, and supporting the well-being of both residents and pets within the City of Seymour.

The City of Seymour **Police Department**, under the leadership of Chief Bryce Sawyer, remained active in enforcing laws, promoting public safety, and engaging with the community throughout the week. A key focus was traffic enforcement, including participation in Operation Rapid Raiders, which targeted speeding and unsafe driving behaviors. During this operation, officers issued sixteen citations to individuals violating speed limits, reinforcing the department's commitment to roadway safety. Officers also responded to various calls for service, demonstrating readiness and responsiveness to community needs. These calls included criminal trespass enforcement, a warrant arrest, and routine property checks to maintain the safety and security of public and private properties. The department conducted follow-up investigations, ensuring that ongoing cases were thoroughly addressed. Officers also performed school visits, fostering positive relationships with students and staff and reinforcing community policing efforts. Additional responsibilities included crash investigation assistance and welfare checks, helping ensure the safety and well-being of residents. Chief Sawyer traveled to Wichita Falls to submit an application for a grant to fund a new police vehicle, reflecting the department's proactive approach to improving resources and operational readiness. Overall, the Police Department continues to prioritize law enforcement, community engagement, and public safety initiatives, ensuring that the City of Seymour remains a secure and well-served community.

The **Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant**, under the supervision of John Davis, maintained strong operational performance over the past week, producing approximately 5.2 million gallons of treated water. This water was distributed to both the City of Seymour and Baylor Water Supply Corporation, ensuring a consistent and reliable supply to meet regional demand. Plant operators remained focused on maintaining water quality and regulatory compliance throughout the system. Crews conducted routine monitoring of chlorine residuals across the distribution network, a critical component in ensuring disinfection levels remain within required standards and that the water supply remains safe for public consumption. In addition, staff carefully tracked the volume of wastewater discharged from the RO process, an important metric for both operational efficiency and environmental compliance. Daily readings were also recorded on the plant's primary RO units, allowing operators to monitor system performance, detect any irregularities early, and maintain optimal treatment conditions. Maintenance activities continued as scheduled, including the replacement of pre-filters on one of the primary RO trains. This preventative measure helps protect the membranes, extend equipment life, and maintain overall treatment efficiency. The department also completed required monthly laboratory sampling for bacteriological testing, ensuring the City's water supply meets all applicable health and safety standards. These samples are a key component of ongoing compliance with state regulatory requirements. Additionally, staff made progress on the 2025 Water Loss Audit, an important initiative aimed at evaluating system efficiency, identifying potential losses, and improving long-term water conservation efforts. Overall, the RO Plant continues to operate effectively, with a strong emphasis on water quality, system reliability, and regulatory compliance, supporting the needs of both the City of Seymour and its regional partners.

Upgrading the System: Water Line Replacement Project Launches



Contractors with CACO Technologies Inc. are making steady progress on East McLain, working to install a new water line beneath the creek. This critical infrastructure project will strengthen the reliability of the City’s water system while minimizing surface disruption and protecting the natural flow of the creek.

Seymour, TX – March 25, 2026 – The City of Seymour has initiated a major water line replacement project impacting McLain Street, with additional work scheduled for portions of Stadium Drive, Morris Street, Bantu Street, and Clements Street. The project, which began in the past several weeks, is being carried out by CACO Technologies, Inc. of Wichita Falls, Texas, with engineering oversight provided by Jacob and Martin.

The \$450,100 project is primarily funded through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), with the City of Seymour contributing \$25,000 toward the total cost. City officials say the investment will improve water quality, reliability, and overall safety for residents in the affected neighborhoods.

“This project is a critical step in ensuring our water infrastructure meets the needs of our community,” said City Administrator Dr. Jeffrey Brasher. “While the work may temporarily disrupt traffic and access, the long-term benefit will be cleaner, safer, and more dependable water service.”

City officials ask that residents exercise patience as construction continues over the next 45 days. Once the water lines are installed and operational, the affected streets will undergo necessary repairs to restore the road surfaces to full condition.

Residents are encouraged to follow posted detours, drive cautiously near construction zones, and plan accordingly for temporary service interruptions as crews work to complete the project efficiently and safely.

The City of Seymour thanks the community for their understanding and cooperation during this important infrastructure improvement effort.