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City of Seymour Upcoming Events

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City of Seymour Hosts Lifeguard Convocation Ahead of Summer Pool Season



Pictured above, City of Seymour lifeguards are undergoing convocation to understand the rules and expectations of managing the City Pool.

Seymour, Texas: The City of Seymour took an important step toward preparing for a safe and successful summer pool season by hosting a lifeguard convocation Tuesday afternoon at City Hall for seventeen prospective lifeguards who will serve the community during the 2026 season. The training session was led by Dr. Jeff Brasher and focused on the critical responsibilities lifeguards carry as public safety professionals and representatives of the City. Throughout the convocation, emphasis was placed on swimmer safety, lifeguard safety, professionalism, teamwork, and creating a positive environment for families visiting the city pool. Dr. Brasher spoke to the group about the importance of vigilance, accountability, and leadership while on duty. Lifeguards were encouraged to understand that their role extends far beyond monitoring the water—they help establish the culture and atmosphere of the facility for every citizen who enters the gates. Additional discussion centered on handling disciplinary situations involving swimmers in a calm, professional, and respectful manner while maintaining a welcoming and enjoyable environment for the public. Staff members were reminded that strong communication, teamwork, and consistency are essential in maintaining both safety and positive customer experiences throughout the summer. Prior to the opening of the pool on May 23, 2026, all lifeguards will complete official American Red Cross lifeguard certification training to ensure they are fully prepared for emergency response and aquatic safety operations. The City also announced the leadership team for the upcoming season. Karli Donnell will serve as Pool Manager, with Jaxon Carrington and Heaven Betts serving as team leaders. City officials expressed confidence in the group and appreciation for the young men and women willing to serve the community in such an important role. As summer approaches, the City of Seymour looks forward to providing a safe, family-friendly environment where residents can gather, swim, and enjoy the season.

From Streets to Services: Seymour's Weekly Department Highlights

The City **Street Department**, under the supervision of Ronnie Kolacek, completed several important projects this week that contributed to infrastructure improvements, operational efficiency, and support for multiple city departments. One of the department's major accomplishments this week was the construction and improvement of the roadway leading to the Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant. Crews worked to enhance the road conditions to allow wastewater transport trucks easier and more reliable access to the facility. These improvements will help streamline operations at the plant, improve safety for drivers and equipment, and support the continued efficiency of the city's wastewater management processes. In addition to roadway improvements, the Street Department continued assisting with the ongoing Police Department remodel project. Crews framed out interior walls and installed new metal framing as part of the renovation efforts. This work represents another step forward in modernizing and improving the police station facilities for staff and public use. The department also provided significant operational support to other city divisions throughout the week. Street Department personnel hauled multiple loads of sand for both the Water Department and the golf course, helping ensure those departments had the materials necessary to complete their respective projects and maintenance operations. Alongside these larger projects, crews continued routine maintenance activities, including equipment repairs and upkeep to keep city machinery operational and dependable. Maintaining equipment reliability is critical to ensuring city services continue efficiently and without unnecessary downtime. The accomplishments of the Street Department this week demonstrate the department's versatility and commitment to supporting city operations across multiple areas. Through infrastructure improvements, facility renovation assistance, interdepartmental cooperation, and equipment maintenance, the department continues to play a vital role in serving the community and maintaining essential city functions.

The **Electric Department**, under the supervision of John Joyce, completed a variety of important maintenance, utility service, and operational tasks this week to help ensure the continued reliability and efficiency of the city's electrical infrastructure. Department personnel conducted weekly maintenance inspections and service checks on department vehicles to help maintain equipment reliability and ensure crews are prepared to respond safely and efficiently to service needs throughout the city. Crews also completed the weekly readings of electrical reclosures as part of the department's ongoing system monitoring and maintenance program. These readings are important for identifying system performance issues and maintaining dependable electrical service. Utility locates were performed throughout the week to identify underground electrical infrastructure prior to excavation work. These locates help protect utility lines, reduce the risk of outages, and promote safe construction practices. The department repaired service connections on East McLain Street and installed a new service line on North East Street to support reliable electrical service for customers in those areas. These improvements help maintain system integrity and accommodate service needs within the community. In addition to electrical service work, crews continued vegetation management efforts by trimming and dragging brush on both North East Street and North Stratton Street. Routine vegetation control is essential for maintaining safe access to utility infrastructure and reducing potential interference with power lines. Department personnel also completed routine meter readings and performed maintenance work on the department's 20-ton hydraulic equipment to help ensure operational readiness and equipment functionality. The work completed this week demonstrates the Electric Department's continued commitment to maintaining dependable utility services, improving infrastructure, and supporting the needs of the City of Seymour under the leadership of John Joyce.

The **Water Department**, under the supervision of Chase Hoyt, continued to provide essential infrastructure maintenance and operational support throughout the week while addressing multiple service and utility needs across the city. One of the department's primary accomplishments this week was the repair of a water leak on Reeves Street. Crews responded promptly to identify and repair the issue in order to minimize water loss and maintain reliable service to residents in the area. Following leak repairs, department personnel also worked to fill and restore holes created during excavation activities to ensure streets and work areas were returned to safe conditions. In addition to distribution system maintenance, Water Department staff continued operations at the wastewater treatment facility by receiving wastewater deliveries at the wastewater plant. These ongoing operations are critical to maintaining proper wastewater processing and supporting the city's overall utility infrastructure. The department also repaired several water meters at various locations throughout the city that were not functioning properly. These repairs help ensure accurate utility readings, dependable customer service, and efficient system monitoring. Water Department personnel further assisted contractors involved in the city's waterline improvement project. Staff provided support and coordination to help facilitate progress on the project and ensure utility operations continued safely and efficiently throughout construction activities. In addition, crews performed utility locates during the week to identify underground infrastructure prior to excavation work. These locates are an important part of protecting city utilities, preventing service interruptions, and promoting safe construction practices. The work completed this week demonstrates the Water Department's continued commitment to maintaining reliable water and wastewater services while supporting ongoing infrastructure improvements throughout the City of Seymour.

The **Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant**, supervised by John Davis, produced approximately 4.7 million gallons of treated drinking water over the past week, supplying both the City of Seymour and the Baylor Water Supply Corporation. Plant operators maintained continuous oversight of system performance and water quality throughout the reporting period. Daily monitoring included chlorine residual checks across the City of Seymour's distribution system to ensure proper disinfection levels and compliance with public health standards. In addition to distribution system monitoring, staff tracked wastewater volumes generated through the RO treatment process and recorded daily performance readings from the plant's primary RO units. These measurements are used to assess operational efficiency and maintain system reliability. As part of routine compliance responsibilities, operators also collected monthly laboratory samples to test for microbial contaminants in the water supply. The plant completed end-of-month reporting requirements submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), ensuring adherence to state regulatory standards. Officials reported that the facility operated smoothly throughout the week, with consistent production levels and no reported interruptions in service.

Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate continued to provide important services to the community this week through animal control operations, public safety response, and property maintenance enforcement efforts. During the week, Officer Shumate captured a total of ten dogs. Through successful coordination with pet owners and adoption efforts, all animals were either released back to their owners or adopted out. As a result, there are currently no dogs housed at the city pound, reflecting positive outcomes for both the animals and the community. In addition to domestic animal services, numerous wild animals were safely removed from residential and public areas throughout the city. Wildlife pickups this week included two cats, four squirrels, one possum, two raccoons, and one skunk. These removals help protect public safety while addressing nuisance and potential health concerns. Officer Shumate also continued enforcement efforts related to property maintenance and community appearance. A total of thirteen weed letters were issued to property owners requesting that overgrown properties be mowed and maintained in compliance with city ordinances. Animal Control responded to ten animal-related calls during the week, bringing the total number of calls handled during the month of April to forty-two. These calls included a variety of animal concerns and service requests from residents throughout the community. The work performed by Animal Control continues to play an important role in maintaining public safety, supporting responsible pet ownership, and improving the overall quality of life within the City of Seymour.

The **Salt Fork Golf Course** continues to make steady progress in course maintenance and improvement efforts under the leadership of Greensman Sean Weiser. Recent work has focused on improving playing conditions, strengthening turf growth, and preparing the course for the upcoming peak golf season. This week, crews hauled additional sand to the golf course and utilized a portion of the material to level areas along the #6 fairway. Following the leveling work, Bermuda grass seed was spread throughout the area along with starter fertilizer to encourage healthy turf establishment and improve overall fairway conditions. Course maintenance efforts have also continued on the greens, where staff have been actively fertilizing and maintaining turf health. Some areas of the greens are still recovering from recent verticutting performed during the verification process. Current moisture levels on the greens are where they should be, and the course is not experiencing issues related to underwatering. According to course staff, the remaining factor needed for full turf recovery and optimal growing conditions is consistently warmer overnight temperatures. As daily low temperatures begin reaching the 60-degree range, turf growth is expected to accelerate significantly, allowing the greens and fairways to fully develop and return to excellent playing condition. Overall, the continued maintenance and improvement work being performed at Salt Fork Golf Course reflects the department's commitment to providing golfers with a well-maintained and enjoyable course. Under Sean Weiser's leadership, the course continues progressing toward strong conditions for the season ahead.

The **Seymour Police Department**, under the leadership of Chief Bryce Sawyer, continued to provide dedicated law enforcement services and public safety support to the community throughout the week. Officers responded to a variety of calls for service, addressing incidents and assisting residents with numerous public safety concerns across the city. These responses remain a vital part of the department's daily operations and commitment to protecting the community. The department also assisted Child Protective Services (CPS) during the week, providing support and coordination when needed to help ensure the safety and welfare of children involved in investigations and related matters. Traffic enforcement efforts continued throughout the city as officers monitored roadways for violations and worked to promote safer driving conditions for motorists and pedestrians. These enforcement activities are intended to improve roadway safety and encourage compliance with traffic laws. In addition, officers carried out several warrant arrests during the week, including a total of three warrant-related apprehensions. These arrests reflect the department's ongoing efforts to enforce court orders and maintain accountability within the community. The Police Department also served criminal trespass notices as part of its efforts to address property-related concerns and assist businesses and property owners with maintaining safe environments. Community engagement remained an important focus for the department as officers conducted visits with Seymour Independent School District (SISD) campuses. These school visits help strengthen positive relationships between law enforcement, students, and school staff while maintaining a visible presence within the schools. The work completed this week reflects the Seymour Police Department's continued commitment to public safety, proactive law enforcement, and community partnership under the leadership of Chief Bryce Sawyer.