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City of Seymour Upcoming Events

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City of Seymour Invests in New Vac Trailer to Strengthen Utility Infrastructure



Pictured above, City of Seymour Electric Department Supervisor John Joyce and Johnathon Olinger stand with their new vac trailer that was delivered on Thursday.

Seymour, Texas: The City of Seymour City Council recently approved the purchase of a new vacuum excavation trailer for the Electric Department, supervised by John Joyce, as part of the City's continued commitment to improving infrastructure, increasing operational efficiency, and ensuring reliable utility services for the community. The new vac trailer will play an important role in the replacement and maintenance of utility poles throughout the City's electrical distribution system. Vacuum excavation equipment uses high-pressure water and powerful suction to safely remove soil around poles and underground utilities. This process allows crews to expose poles and underground infrastructure with greater precision and significantly less risk of damaging nearby utility lines when compared to traditional excavation methods. By reducing ground disturbance and improving safety, the equipment will help streamline pole replacement projects and improve overall efficiency for the Electric Department.

In addition to supporting electrical infrastructure work, the vac trailer also provides an important backup resource for the Water Department. Vacuum excavation equipment can be utilized to safely expose underground water lines, valves, and other utilities during repairs and maintenance operations. Having a backup unit available improves the City's ability to respond quickly to water line breaks, emergency repairs, and infrastructure maintenance while minimizing disruption to surrounding property and utilities. City officials noted that investments such as this are part of an ongoing effort to ensure departments have the tools and equipment necessary to maintain and replace aging infrastructure while continuing to provide dependable services to residents. "This equipment is a valuable addition to the Electric Department and will greatly improve our ability to safely and efficiently replace poles and perform infrastructure maintenance," said John Joyce, supervisor of the Electric Department. "Our goal is to ensure the City of Seymour has reliable power not only today, but well into the future. Having the right equipment helps our crews work more effectively while improving service reliability for the entire community." The City of Seymour remains committed to proactively investing in critical infrastructure and equipping departments with the resources needed to meet both current operational demands and future growth.

From Streets to Services: Seymour's Weekly Department Highlights

The City of Seymour **Street Department**, under the direction of Ronnie Kolacek, continued work throughout the city this week focusing on roadway maintenance, public property upkeep, and community event preparation efforts aimed at improving the appearance, safety, and functionality of city infrastructure. Street Department crews completed a variety of projects, including curb cleaning operations to improve drainage flow and maintain cleaner city streets. Crews also continued rehabilitation efforts on Compress Road, performing grading and blading work to improve roadway conditions and provide a smoother driving surface for residents and traffic utilizing the area. Additional work was completed at the City's wastewater treatment plant, where crews finalized roadway improvements to enhance access and operational efficiency at the facility. Department personnel also mulched brush located at the end of Donald Street, helping improve the appearance of the area while reducing vegetation buildup and maintenance concerns. The department also performed maintenance and servicing on mowing equipment used at the Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant and completed mowing operations on the RO Plant property to maintain the grounds and overall appearance of the facility. In preparation for the upcoming Helping Hands Car Show, Street Department employees worked to prepare the downtown area to ensure the community was clean, presentable, and ready to welcome residents and visitors attending the event. City officials noted that the Street Department continues to play an important role in maintaining public infrastructure and supporting city operations through ongoing maintenance, rehabilitation, and beautification efforts throughout Seymour.

The Seymour **Electric Department**, under the supervision of John Joyce, continued work throughout the week focused on maintaining system reliability, improving infrastructure, and supporting the safe and efficient operation of the City's electrical distribution system. Department personnel completed weekly maintenance inspections on department vehicles to help ensure equipment reliability and operational readiness for both routine work and emergency response situations. Crews also conducted weekly readings of reclosures, which are critical components used to monitor and protect the electrical system by automatically isolating faults and reducing outage impacts across the distribution network. Additional routine operations included utility locates to identify underground electrical infrastructure prior to excavation activities, helping prevent damage to utility lines and improving public and worker safety during construction and maintenance projects. As part of continued employee development and training efforts, Electric Department employee Garett Hons attended specialized metering training to further enhance the department's knowledge and capabilities related to electrical metering systems and service operations. Crews also completed vegetation management and line maintenance activities throughout the city, including trimming work on West Custer Street and South East Street, as well as trimming around poles on South Browning Street. Brush dragging and cleanup operations were also conducted to maintain safe access to infrastructure and reduce vegetation-related hazards near electrical lines. Infrastructure improvement work included removing a damaged service line on East Reiman Street and taking down an old service on South Browning Street to improve system safety and reliability. Department personnel also closed in capacitors within the electrical system, which helps improve voltage regulation and overall efficiency of power distribution throughout the community. Additional maintenance efforts included mowing and spraying around the department shop to maintain a clean and safe work environment. The department also responded to a power outage on Hill Drive, where crews successfully restored electrical service and ensured residents regained reliable power in a timely manner. John Joyce emphasized the department's continued commitment to proactive maintenance and dependable service, noting that ongoing infrastructure work, vegetation management, employee training, and system monitoring all contribute to maintaining reliable electric service for the residents and businesses of Seymour.

The Seymour **Water Department**, under the supervision of Chase Hoyt, continued its ongoing efforts this week to maintain reliable water service, support infrastructure improvements, and respond to critical system needs throughout the City of Seymour. Crews provided support on the new water line project along McLain Street, assisting with coordination and field operations as the City continues efforts to upgrade and improve aging utility infrastructure. This project is part of a broader initiative to enhance system reliability and ensure adequate water service capacity for current and future demand. In addition to project support, Water Department personnel responded to and repaired multiple system leaks during the week. Crews successfully repaired a leak on a 4-inch water line on McClain Street, helping restore normal service and prevent further water loss. Additional leak repairs were completed on River Street, further demonstrating the department's commitment to minimizing disruptions and maintaining system integrity. The department also installed a new water and sewer tap on 13th Street, supporting new service connections and continued community development within the City. Beyond routine infrastructure maintenance, Water Department staff also assisted with water quality management efforts at the City pool. These efforts helped ensure proper water conditions were maintained in preparation for lifeguard training, supporting both safety and operational readiness for the upcoming swim season. Through proactive maintenance, rapid response to system issues, and support of ongoing infrastructure projects, the Seymour Water Department continues to play a vital role in delivering safe, reliable water service to residents and supporting the overall functionality of the City's utility systems.

The Seymour **Reverse Osmosis Plant**, under the operation of Plant Operator John Davis, continues to play a critical role in ensuring the City's water supply remains safe, reliable, and consistently delivered to both municipal customers and regional partners. Over the past week, the Reverse Osmosis Plant produced approximately 4.8 million gallons of treated water, which was distributed throughout the City of Seymour as well as to the Baylor Water Supply Corporation. This level of production reflects the plant's ongoing importance in meeting daily water demand and supporting regional water infrastructure needs. Throughout the week, plant operators conducted continuous monitoring and operational oversight to ensure system performance and water quality compliance. Key activities included monitoring chlorine residual levels across the distribution system within the City, helping ensure proper disinfection and maintaining safe drinking water standards for consumers. Operators also tracked wastewater discharge volumes from the facility, ensuring accurate reporting and regulatory compliance. Daily operational checks were performed on the primary reverse osmosis units to verify performance efficiency, pressure stability, and overall system functionality. In addition, all handheld testing and monitoring meters were calibrated to maintain accuracy in field measurements, supporting reliable data collection for plant operations. Quality control (QC) checks were also conducted on both feed water and product water instrument panels to ensure the treatment process remained within required operational parameters and continued producing high-quality finished water. John Davis and the plant operations team remain focused on maintaining consistent water production, safeguarding water quality, and ensuring reliable service to the community. Through routine monitoring, preventative maintenance, and strict quality control practices, the Reverse Osmosis Plant continues to serve as a vital component of Seymour's water infrastructure system.

The Seymour Animal Control, under the direction of Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate, continues to provide essential services to the community through prompt response to animal-related calls, public safety concerns, and ongoing code enforcement efforts throughout the City of Seymour. During the reporting period, Officer Shumate responded to a variety of animal-related service calls totaling 14 animal-related incidents. These calls included the removal of deceased animals from public areas, helping maintain sanitary conditions and reduce health concerns within the community. Specifically, a dead armadillo was removed from East Ingram, dead squirrels were removed from Nevada Street, North Cedar Street, and the City Park, and a dead snake was removed from West California Street. In addition to wildlife and nuisance animal removal, Animal Control also handled several domestic animal situations. Two dogs were successfully located and returned to their owners at the RV Park. Another dog found on West Nevada Street was taken into custody at the animal pound and released back to its owner the same afternoon. A separate dog was held over the weekend and subsequently returned to its owner, demonstrating the department's continued efforts to safely reunite pets with their families whenever possible. Officer Shumate also issued 18 weed letters as part of ongoing code enforcement efforts aimed at improving property maintenance standards and enhancing the overall appearance and safety of neighborhoods throughout the city. These notices support the City's broader initiative to maintain clean, well-kept residential and commercial areas. Through consistent response to service calls, proactive enforcement of city ordinances, and a focus on public health and safety, Seymour Animal Control continues to play an important role in supporting the quality of life for residents. The department remains committed to addressing animal-related concerns efficiently while balancing enforcement with efforts to assist and educate the community.

The Salt Fork Golf Course staff, under the daily efforts of greens personnel Sean Weiser and Shawn Sanchez, continued routine maintenance and improvement projects throughout the course this week to enhance playing conditions and ensure reliable irrigation and turf health. Ongoing agronomic work included sanding and seeding additional areas in the fairways to promote turf recovery, improve surface consistency, and address wear patterns caused by regular play and seasonal conditions. These efforts are part of the course's continued commitment to maintaining high-quality playing surfaces for golfers of all skill levels. Staff also maintained daily irrigation operations across greens, tees, and fairways to ensure consistent moisture levels and support healthy turf growth. Proper irrigation management remains a critical component of course conditioning, particularly during periods of variable weather and increased turf stress. In preparation for upcoming improvements to course navigation and aesthetics, staff completed preliminary work for the installation of new hole signage, which is expected to arrive soon. The updated signage will enhance player experience and improve course identification and flow.

In addition to turf and course enhancement work, maintenance crews addressed several minor water line leaks and performed sprinkler system repairs and adjustments. These repairs ensure the irrigation system continues to operate efficiently and provides uniform water distribution across the course, which is essential for maintaining healthy playing conditions. Through consistent maintenance, proactive repairs, and ongoing improvement projects, the Salt Fork Golf Course staff continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to providing a well-maintained and enjoyable recreational facility for the community.

The **Seymour Police Department**, under the leadership of Chief Bryce Sawyer, remains actively engaged in maintaining public safety through consistent enforcement activities, community outreach, and collaborative efforts with local partners throughout the City of Seymour.

During the reporting period, officers conducted a range of law enforcement duties including traffic enforcement, property checks, welfare checks, and response to various calls for service across the community. These proactive measures continue to support the department's mission of ensuring public safety, deterring criminal activity, and maintaining visibility throughout residential and business areas.

Officers also executed warrant arrests and served criminal trespass notices, reinforcing accountability and supporting ongoing investigative and judicial processes. In total, the department responded to 38 calls for service and completed four warrant arrests, demonstrating steady operational activity and enforcement presence within the city.

In addition to enforcement duties, officers conducted crash investigations, working to determine contributing factors, document incidents, and assist in ensuring roadway safety for the public. These investigations remain an important component of the department's traffic safety efforts.

The department also continued its strong partnership with the Seymour Independent School District through school visits and coordinated activities, including assisting SISD with a sports escort out of town. These efforts help ensure the safe travel of student-athletes and reinforce the department's commitment to supporting local schools and youth programs.

As part of its ongoing commitment to innovation and modernization, the department also worked on a grant application for a new and advanced drone system, which has been submitted for consideration. If awarded, the technology would enhance the department's ability to assist in search operations, crash scenes, and situational awareness during emergency responses.

Chief Bryce Sawyer emphasized the department's continued focus on service, accountability, and community engagement, noting that these combined efforts reflect a balanced approach to both enforcement and public service. The Seymour Police Department remains dedicated to protecting residents, strengthening partnerships, and utilizing available resources to improve safety and operational effectiveness throughout the community.