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- June 30th, 2026 Budget Workshop @ 6:00 PM at 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

A Perfect Shot: Sean Weiser Records Hole-in-One at Seymour Golf Course



SEYMOUR, TEXAS; A memorable moment took place this past Sunday at the Seymour Golf Course when Salt Fork Golf Course Greensman Sean Weiser achieved one of golf's rarest accomplishments—a hole-in-one. While participating in a golf scramble, Mr. Weiser stepped onto Hole No. 3, a 115-yard par-3 that has challenged countless golfers over the years. With precision, confidence, and exceptional shot-making ability, he struck a clean shot from the tee box. The ball launched perfectly toward the green and, to the excitement of everyone watching, hit directly into the cup for a flawless hole-in-one. Witnesses were present to experience the remarkable moment, including Jeff Brasher, Clayton Brasher, Krosby Anderson, Matthew Strickland, Nick Perryman, and Shannon Donnell, all of whom saw the shot find the bottom of the cup.

For those who know Sean, this accomplishment comes as no surprise. While a hole-in-one is an achievement many golfers spend a lifetime pursuing, Mr. Weiser's dedication to the game and years of experience have made him one of the area's most accomplished players. As many around the course would say—this was not his first great shot, and it likely will not be his last. Beyond his talent as a golfer, Mr. Weiser serves as the lead Greensman for Salt Fork Golf Course, where his attention to detail and commitment to excellence help maintain outstanding playing conditions for members and visitors alike. His background in competitive golf includes participation in numerous PGA qualifying events and collegiate golf experience at Tyler Junior College and Baptist Bible College. The City and golf community are proud to celebrate this outstanding achievement and the continued dedication Mr. Weiser brings both as a player and as a steward of the course. His work, alongside fellow Greensman Shawn Sanchez, continues to elevate the quality and reputation of Seymour Golf Course.

If you see Sean around town or out at the course, take a moment to congratulate him on an incredible shot and thank both Sean and Shawn for the outstanding work they continue to do maintaining one of Seymour's great community assets.

From Streets to Services: Seymour's Weekly Department Highlights



Pictured above is lifeguard of the week Madi Parish.

The City of Seymour **Swimming Pool** continues to provide recreation, wellness, and a place to cool off during the summer months as community members of all ages enjoy the facility and its programs. Under the leadership of Pool Manager Kailia Donnell, the City pool welcomed 338 visitors this week, reflecting continued community participation and support for one of Seymour's favorite summer destinations. One of the highlights of the pool's weekly programming continues to be Senior Swim, held each weekday from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. The program has become a popular opportunity for area seniors to enjoy the refreshing water while staying active through low-impact exercise and social interaction. Senior swimmers continue to make use of the program to improve wellness, maintain mobility, and enjoy time together in a comfortable and welcoming environment. The City is also proud to recognize Madi Parrish as this week's Lifeguard of the Week. Madi has distinguished herself through her strong focus on safety, attention to detail, dedication to her responsibilities, and commitment to providing an exceptional experience for pool patrons. Her hard work and professionalism have set her apart this week and reflect the high standards expected of the City's aquatic staff. Lifeguards play an important role in ensuring visitors enjoy a safe and enjoyable environment, and Madi's efforts exemplify that commitment. The City of Seymour extends appreciation to Pool Manager Kailia Donnell and the entire pool staff for their continued dedication throughout the summer season. Through strong leadership, excellent customer service, and a commitment to safety, the City pool remains an important part of enhancing quality of life for the Seymour community.

The City of Seymour **Water Department**, under the supervision of Chase Hoyt, has completed a range of maintenance, repair, and emergency response activities across the city, reinforcing the reliability and resilience of the municipal water and wastewater systems. Recent field operations included multiple water line leak repairs at South Cedar Street, West Custer Street, and Weiss Street. These repairs addressed system losses and helped restore consistent water service in the affected areas. In addition to routine maintenance, crews took corrective action on a recurring issue by capping a 4-inch water main on McClain Street. The work was completed to stabilize the system and reduce ongoing operational concerns tied to that line. The department also completed preparatory excavation work for the installation of a new Hydra stop valve, scheduled for installation on Monday. The project is part of ongoing efforts to improve system control and isolation capabilities within the distribution network. Support was also provided to the city's water line improvement project, with Water Department personnel assisting in field operations and coordination to keep the project moving forward efficiently. In a separate utility protection effort, crews performed line locating services for Holub Tire, ensuring safe excavation practices and protecting existing underground infrastructure. Following a severe storm event, the department responded by deploying a generator at the Pecan Street lift station to maintain continuous operation during a power outage. The emergency response ensured uninterrupted service and prevented disruptions to critical wastewater operations. Crews also completed backfilling and site restoration work across multiple locations, filling excavated areas and returning work sites to safe and stable conditions. According to the department, these combined efforts reflect an ongoing commitment to maintaining infrastructure integrity, responding quickly to system issues, and supporting long-term improvements to the city's water and wastewater systems.

The City of Seymour **Street Department** has remained hard at work serving the community and addressing priority projects throughout the city under the direction of Street Department Supervisor Ronnie Kolacek. Following recent storm activity, crews completed an extensive cleanup effort by collecting and mulching storm-related brush and debris throughout the community. These efforts helped restore neighborhoods, improve safety conditions, and return public spaces to normal operations as quickly as possible. In addition to storm recovery operations, Street Department employees completed mowing operations at the Seymour Airport to maintain appearance, visibility, and overall site conditions. Crews also completed chipping operations at the city park to remove fallen limbs and brush resulting from the storm and improve the usability and appearance of park facilities. The department additionally repaired the parking lot located north of the City swimming pool to improve accessibility and provide a better experience for residents and visitors utilizing the recreational area. Beyond these larger projects, Street Department staff responded to numerous citizen work requests and continued providing daily maintenance services that support city infrastructure and quality of life throughout Seymour. The work completed by the Street Department reflects the City's continued commitment to responsive public service and maintaining community assets. From storm recovery and park maintenance to airport upkeep and citizen requests, these employees play an important role in keeping Seymour safe, clean, and well maintained. The City of Seymour extends appreciation to Ronnie Kolacek and the Street Department team for their dedication, hard work, and continued commitment to serving the citizens of Seymour.

This week, **Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate** remained actively engaged in protecting public health, responding to citizen concerns, and maintaining the safety and appearance of the community through animal control and code enforcement efforts. Officer Shumate began the week with three dogs housed in the City pound and responded to additional animal-related calls that resulted in five more dogs being picked up and brought into care. Through dedicated efforts to reconnect animals with owners and coordinate placements, all of the dogs found homes with the exception of one dog that remains housed at the pound awaiting placement. In addition to animal intake and placement efforts, Officer Shumate continued routine community maintenance responsibilities by removing multiple deceased animals from city roadways to maintain public health and appearance. This week's removals included an armadillo, a squirrel, and a cat. Wildlife management also remained an area of focus as six raccoons were safely captured and removed from the community, including two raccoons that found their way into the County Annex building. Code enforcement activity continued throughout the week with three weed violation notices issued to address properties with overgrown vegetation and encourage neighborhood upkeep. Overall, Officer Shumate responded to 14 animal-related calls during the week, demonstrating continued responsiveness to citizen concerns and dedication to maintaining a safe and clean community. The City of Seymour extends appreciation to Rick Shumate for his ongoing commitment to animal welfare, public service, and preserving the quality of life for residents throughout the community.

The **Seymour Police Department** continued its commitment to protecting the community and providing responsive public safety services throughout the week under the leadership of Chief Bryce Sawyer. During the reporting period, Seymour Police Department officers responded to 55 calls for service, addressing a wide range of public safety and community concerns while maintaining a visible and active presence throughout the city. Among the calls handled were numerous welfare checks, reflecting the department's ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of community members who may be experiencing difficult circumstances or require assistance. Officers also responded to multiple disturbance calls, working to de-escalate situations, maintain order, and protect those involved. Traffic safety remained an area of focus as officers conducted traffic enforcement activities aimed at promoting safe driving behaviors and enhancing roadway safety for residents and visitors. In addition, officers assisted with several civil matters, providing guidance and support while helping citizens navigate situations that often require coordination, communication, and professional service. Beyond daily operations, members of the Seymour Police Department also represented the City by attending the funeral services of Sheriff Mendoza, demonstrating respect, solidarity, and support for fellow members of the law enforcement community during a time of remembrance. The work completed this week reflects the Seymour Police Department's continued dedication to public safety, professionalism, and service to the citizens of Seymour. The City extends appreciation to Chief Bryce Sawyer and all department personnel for their commitment and continued efforts to protect and serve the community.

The City of **Seymour Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant** continued to provide reliable water treatment and distribution services throughout the week under the leadership of RO Plant Supervisor John Davis. Over the last week, the RO Plant produced approximately 4.9 million gallons of treated water, which was distributed to both the City of Seymour and Baylor Water Supply Corporation. Maintaining consistent production while meeting water quality standards remains a critical component of ensuring dependable service for residents and customers throughout the region. In addition to water production operations, plant staff completed several important monitoring and maintenance activities to ensure system performance, regulatory compliance, and operational efficiency. Throughout the week, operators conducted routine monitoring of chlorine residual levels across the city's distribution system to verify water quality and maintain disinfection standards. Staff also tracked and documented the amount of wastewater discharged from plant operations, helping ensure proper system management and compliance. Daily operational checks continued on the primary reverse osmosis treatment units, with operators collecting readings and monitoring system performance to identify trends and maintain efficient treatment processes. Maintenance and site upkeep activities were also completed, including mowing and maintaining the grounds surrounding the RO Plant facility to preserve a clean and professional operating environment. To maintain accuracy and reliability of testing and monitoring equipment, staff completed calibration of all handheld meters and performed quality control (QC) checks on both finished water and the raw water instrument panel. These preventative measures help ensure operational data remains accurate and treatment performance continues to meet required standards. The work completed each week at the RO Plant reflects the City's ongoing commitment to delivering safe, dependable drinking water while maintaining efficient and compliant utility operations. The City extends appreciation to John Davis and the RO Plant staff for their continued dedication and commitment to serving the citizens of Seymour and surrounding water customers.

The City of **Seymour Electric Department** continued its commitment to maintaining reliable electric service, improving system reliability, and responding to operational needs throughout the community under the leadership of Electric Department Supervisor John Joyce. Throughout the week, department personnel completed weekly vehicle maintenance inspections and checks to ensure equipment remained safe, dependable, and ready to respond to both routine and emergency operations. Crews also performed routine readings and monitoring of reclosers to verify proper system performance and maintain electric reliability across the distribution system. Additional daily operational activities included completing utility locates, conducting meter reads, and responding to customer service requests. Maintenance and infrastructure improvements remained a priority as staff worked to repair defective street lighting on Washington Street and completed vegetation management efforts along primary electrical lines on North Browning, Plainview Street, and East Ingram Street. Proactive trimming helps maintain line clearance, reduce outage risks, and improve system reliability. Following recent storm activity, Electric Department crews dedicated significant effort to storm recovery operations. Staff patrolled power lines throughout the system to inspect for damage and verify service integrity, removed brush and debris from electrical corridors, and repaired service connections and utility poles that had been compromised during the storm. Department personnel also attended a Texas Electric Cooperatives (TEC) Safety Meeting to reinforce safe work practices and continue professional development focused on employee safety and operational excellence. Additional work completed during the week included:

Restoring electrical service on West California Street

Completing a disconnect and reconnect of electrical service on North Washington Street

Performing routine meter readings

Removing limbs interfering with a service line on North Donald Street

The work performed this week reflects the Electric Department's continued focus on reliability, preventative maintenance, emergency response, and customer service. The City of Seymour extends appreciation to John Joyce and the Electric Department team for their dedication and commitment to safely serving the community each day.

This past week, the **Salt Fork Golf Course** maintenance team, under the leadership of Head Greensman Sean Weiser, continued advancing its commitment to making the Seymour Golf Course one of the premier golf destinations in Texas through focused course preparation, storm recovery, and turf management efforts. With the upcoming TJGT Tournament scheduled for next Tuesday, preparations have become a major priority as the course anticipates welcoming approximately 40–50 junior golfers from across the region. Staff have worked diligently to ensure course conditions reflect the high standards expected for tournament play and provide participants with an outstanding experience. Following recent storm activity, significant time and effort were dedicated to cleaning and restoring course conditions. Crews removed fallen limbs, cleaned up storm debris, and cleared trees and branches throughout the property to improve both course appearance and player safety. Additional turf management efforts included targeted spraying applications across the fairways to control existing weeds and prevent future growth. These proactive maintenance measures are designed to improve turf quality, strengthen playing surfaces, and maintain the healthy appearance of the course throughout the season. The team also encountered operational challenges with the fairway mower during the week. Through quick troubleshooting and repairs, the issue was resolved efficiently, allowing mowing operations to continue without major disruption. As a result of these combined efforts, the golf course has been fully mowed, cleaned, and prepared for a strong weekend of play while remaining on schedule for next week's tournament activities. The City recognizes Sean Weiser and the golf course maintenance staff for their dedication, attention to detail, and commitment to continuous improvement as they work to elevate Salt Fork Golf Course and enhance the experience for golfers visiting Seymour.

Utility Billing Update and Payment Reminder – July 2026

Each year, when meeting TCEQ requirements to distribute Water Quality Reports, utility bills are mailed in envelopes rather than the traditional postcard format our customers are accustomed to receiving. As has occurred in previous years, this can sometimes result in customers either overlooking their bill or not recognizing it as their utility statement. We understand this can create inconvenience and occasionally lead to delayed payments. We sincerely apologize if your bill was difficult to identify or may have been delayed or misplaced during delivery. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

For the upcoming billing cycle, we want to notify the public that July utility bills will return to the regular postcard format. Please also note that due dates for this cycle have been adjusted because the 18th of the month falls on a weekend.

Important July 2026 Utility Billing Dates

Bills Due: July 20, 2026

Payment Agreements Deadline: July 17, 2026 (partial payment required)

Late Fees Assessed: July 21, 2026 after 10:00 AM

Utility Cutoffs Begin: July 27, 2026 at 8:00 AM

Payment Agreement Information

Payment agreements require a partial payment at the time the agreement is established and are not available after July 20, 2026.

Customers needing additional time are encouraged to visit City Hall and speak with utility staff before the due date. Please note:

Extensions cannot be approved more than two consecutive months.

Extensions do not waive applicable late fees.

Extensions do provide additional time to pay and help prevent service interruption.

Convenient Payment Options Available

The Utility Department offers several convenient payment methods:

Text-To-Pay (FREE Service)

Call 1-866-290-8883 to enroll. Once enrolled, customers will receive a text notification with billing information and can simply reply PAY to complete payment or use the service as a billing reminder.

Automatic Bank Draft

Enroll in person at City Hall. Customers will need:

Bank routing number

Bank account number

Automatic drafts are processed on the 10th of each month.

Online Payments

Visit cityofseymour.org to access the online payment portal. Customers may pay using a debit card or manage payments conveniently from any location.

IVR Phone Payment System

Customers may also pay by phone through our third-party payment provider.

For online and IVR payments, customers will need:

Utility account number

Current bill amount

Previous month's payment amount

These verification steps are in place to help protect account security.

As always, our goal is to serve our customers as efficiently and conveniently as possible. If you have questions about any payment option or need assistance, please contact the Utility Desk at 940-889-3148 or visit City Hall.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Seymour Employees Participate in Workplace Safety Training at Portwood Pavilion



Pictured on the left is Casey Tharp with CTE, who led Wednesday morning's staff safety training. Pictured on the right are City of Seymour employees engaged in essential safety instruction focused on protecting themselves, their coworkers, and the community they serve.

On Wednesday morning, City of Seymour employees gathered at Portwood Pavilion to participate in a comprehensive workplace safety training focused on reinforcing safe work practices and protecting the well-being of employees who serve the community each day.

The training was presented by Casey Tharp with CTE and covered several important topics that employees regularly encounter in the field and throughout daily operations. Topics included heat stress awareness and prevention, noise exposure and hearing protection, proper cone placement and traffic control practices, maintaining safe work habits by avoiding unnecessary haste, and load securement procedures to ensure equipment and materials are transported safely.

City employees routinely work in environments that present unique challenges and hazards—from operating equipment and working near traffic to responding to urgent situations and maintaining critical infrastructure. Because of these responsibilities, the City remains committed to creating a culture where safety is not simply a requirement, but a shared responsibility.

A key message emphasized during the training was the importance of slowing down, remaining aware of surroundings, and never sacrificing safety for speed. Employees were reminded that taking the extra time to follow procedures and operate safely protects not only themselves and their coworkers but also the citizens they serve.

The City of Seymour continues to make employee safety a top priority as departments work daily to maintain services, improve infrastructure, and enhance the quality of life throughout the community. Investing in ongoing training and professional development ensures employees return home safely while continuing to provide dependable service to residents.

The City extends its appreciation to Casey Tharp with CTE for delivering valuable instruction and to all employees for their commitment to maintaining a safe and professional workplace.