



# City Newsletter

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<p><b>Calendar</b></p> <p><b>Patriotic Festival</b> June 24—26, 2010 Bruce Central Park</p> <p><b>Independence Day</b> City Offices and Library Closed July 5, 2010</p> <p><b>Labor Day</b> City Offices and Library Closed September 6, 2010</p> <p><b>Boards and Commission Meetings</b></p> <p><b>City Council</b> Regular Meetings 1st and 3rd Thursday 7:30 PM Work Sessions 1st and 3rd Thursday 6:30 PM</p> <p><b>SEDC Meetings</b> 1st Monday 6:30 PM</p> <p><b>Planning &amp; Zoning Commission</b> 2nd and 4th Thursday 7:00 PM</p> <p><b>Library Board</b> 3rd Tuesday 5:00 PM</p> <p><b>Parks Board</b> 2nd Tuesday 6:30 PM</p> <p><b>KSB Commission</b> 3rd Tuesday 7:00 PM</p>	<p>As a cost saving measure, the Seagoville Newsletter has been temporarily reduced in size and will now be mailed with your water bill. The City of Seagoville, like most cities across the country, is making adjustments in expenditures because of decreases in sales tax, property tax and other revenue sources. The City expects significant savings by reducing the newsletter to four pages and mailing with the water bills as opposed to a separate mailing. The City staff is committed to</p>	<p>keeping citizens informed and will continue to work toward that goal. Please be reminded to utilize the City's web-site as a source of up to date information. Reducing the number of pages in the newsletter will require the City Staff to rely more heavily on the web-site for information delivery to our citizens. If you do not have Internet access the Seagoville Library has Public Access Computers and a wireless network available for citizens.</p> <p>Visit us at: <a href="http://www.seagoville.us">www.seagoville.us</a></p>
	<p><b>Seagoville's Patriotic Festival June 24—26</b></p>	
	<p>The 2010 Patriotic Festival will be held at C. O. Bruce Central Park June 24, 25 and 26. There will be three days of carnival rides, pony rides, free face painting and free balloon shapes for children. The band <u>Bridge</u> will perform jazz and pop on Friday night at 7 p.m. Visitors will see a great fireworks show on Saturday brought to us by Illumination Fireworks, LLC.. For the first time in Seagoville, the fireworks will be coordinated and choreographed to music. There will be food vendors and arts and crafts vendors all three days for families to enjoy. In keeping with tradition, the Seagoville Park Board will sponsor a Patriotic Contest and Parade on Saturday, June 26, at 8:00 pm. Regis-</p>	<p>tration forms can be obtained at City Hall prior to the Festival and they can be submitted to the Parks and Recreation office at City Hall. Participants may also register the day of the event from 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm at the park by submitting their forms at the Park Board station at Bruce Central Park. No motorized vehicles will be allowed. Entrants may decorate their bicycles, push cars, tricycles and scooters. The age categories vary from 0 through 54 years of age. Each age group will be judged and a trophy will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each age division. A trophy and special prize will be awarded to the best overall costume.</p>



## Government at Work

### May 8th General Election

Seagoville's 2010 General Election brought a record number of citizens to the polls to cast their ballot. Over twelve hundred voters participated in the 2010 election. In past elections, the usual number of voters averaged about 400. The chart below details the election results and how voters participated in the election

Place/Prop.	Name	Early Voting in Person	Early Voting by Mail	Election Day Voting	Provisional	Total Votes
Place 1	Judy Ernst	252	0	249	0	501
	Harold Magill	299	7	278	4	588
Place 3	Jose Hernandez	242	7	236	2	487
	Lee Landess	320	0	302	2	624
Place 5	Peggy Day	306	1	288	1	596
	Marshall Green	259	6	233	3	501
Prop. 1	Legal sale of beer and wine for "off-premise" consumption	For 264	6	285	0	555
		Against 364	2	335	4	705
Prop. 2	Legal sale of mixed-beverages by restaurant certificate holders	For 303	5	330	2	640
		Against 321	3	284	2	610
Prop. 3	Charter Amendment authorizing Council to regulate alcohol sales	For 361	6	357	1	725
		Against 252	2	213	3	470

### Seagoville Residents Improve Census Response

Mayor Sidney Sexton, Jr. congratulated the Seagoville residents who responded to the 2010 Census, greatly improving the City of Seagoville's mail participation rate from the 2000 Census of 65% to 72% for the 2010 Census.

"Our residents are to be congratulated for surpassing the response rate from the 2000 Census. It will greatly improve not only the City's opportunity for increased Community Development Block Grant funding, but supports the North Texas area and the State of Texas in our combined efforts to obtain additional congressional representation."

Similarly, Mayor Sexton expressed his and the Council's gratitude for the effort and hard work done to-date by the 2010 Census Regional Staff including the personnel assigned who worked the tracts in the City of Seagoville on a daily basis.

Mayor Sexton acknowledged the leadership of the partnership specialists guiding the City's 2010 Census Complete Count Committee Members who served the greater community on an ad-hoc basis.

The full text of this news release may be viewed online at [www.seagoville.us](http://www.seagoville.us)

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## Fireworks Illegal in the City of Seagoville

The Seagoville Fire Department would like to inform the citizens that it is illegal to possess, use, store and handle fireworks inside the city limits of Seagoville. The city also passed a nuisance ordinance that makes it illegal to use fireworks within the City of Seagoville extrater-

ritorial jurisdiction. That distance is 5000 feet outside the city limits.

Violations of these codes may result in a fine up to \$2,000.00.

## May Hail Storm and Roof Repairs

The May 17th hail storm brought scores of roofing contractors to Seagoville. It is inevitable that hundreds of property owners will have to have roofs replaced.

To help avoid scams, make sure your roofing contractor has been issued a solicitation permit if they visit your residence, working door to door, offering roofing services. If you choose a contractor to do the roof work, make certain

they have obtained a roofing construction permit before the work commences.

If a property owner decides to contract with a roofing crew, the property owner is considered the contractor, and the property owner must obtain the roofing construction permit.

For more information, please contact the City of Seagoville Code Enforcement Department at 972-287-6829.

## Storm Water Update

On April 24, 2009, the City of Seagoville received its General Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Storm Water Permit, issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Under this permit, the City must reach annual goals as set forth in the Storm Water Management Plan.

Included in the plan are: public education and outreach, public involvement and participation, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction and post-construction runoff control, pollution prevention and good housekeeping for municipal operations. Each of these components have annual milestones that have to be met, and in most cases, have significant costs associated with implementation.

The City just recently approved a Storm Water

Ordinance, which prescribes the state mandated regulations in order to meet our MS4 Permit requirements.

We are now in year three and the general fund budget, or tax dollars, has funded all programs. The City recently retained the professional services of Freese and Nichols, Inc., to study and develop the components of a storm water utility fee for the City as a source of storm system funding. They will develop a fee structure and recommend storm water utility rates for the City Council's consideration.

Once the final report is complete and the City Council agrees with the fee structure, an ordinance will go before the City Council for consideration. Ordinance consideration is planned for early October 2010.

## Free Lunches and Snacks at Seagoville Parks

The Texas Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services has contracted with Angel's Playground to serve free lunches and snacks at three Seagoville Parks: Petty White Park, Bearden Park and C. O. Bruce Central Park. The lunches are free to youth ages 18 and under and are nutritious and healthy. The lunch is served Monday through Friday between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. while the snacks are served at 2:30 p.m. The food must be eaten at the park. No food may leave the parks. All children are invited to the park to enjoy the lunches.

## Keep Seagoville Beautiful Launches Adopt A Spot Program

The Keep Seagoville Beautiful Commission is proud to announce that policy and program development is complete for the city's Adopt a Spot Program. The program gives local groups and businesses the opportunity to help keep Seagoville beautiful by collecting litter and beautifying streets in the community. The program is a meaningful way for groups to help the community and make a visible impact on the local environment.

How the program functions:

- Groups adopt a designated spot or street within the City of Seagoville for two years.
- Groups agree to clean up litter along the adopted street at least four times per year, including a mandatory spring clean up that

coincides with the annual Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off which is generally held in April of each year.

- KSB will work with the City of Seagoville to place a sign designating the adopted spot and the group that has adopted it.
- KSB will provide groups with safety vests and safety guidelines
- Groups are responsible for providing their own clean up supplies, such as gloves and trash bags.

For more information please contact Liz Gant, KSB Staff Liaison at 972-287-7720 x107. You may visit the city's web site at [www.seagoville.us](http://www.seagoville.us) for additional information and to download an application form.

## Summer Safety

As school is now out for the summer, parents are left with the difficult decision to find child care for their children, or to leave them at home while they work. There is no easy remedy for this situation. Parents are reminded that in the event that they have to leave a minor child at home, they should conduct some simple role playing and set ground rules to better equip their children in the unfortunate event of an emergency.

Parents should also know that it may be unlawful to leave a child under the age of 15 home alone, if it places the child under circumstances that expose them to unreasonable risk. Parents should determine if their child has the mental and physical ability to be left alone.

In the event that it is decided to leave a child alone at home, parents should instruct their children on how to respond to emergency situations. Here are several situations that parents should instruct their children on how to respond.

- Telephone calls
- Strangers knocking on the door
- Medical emergencies
- Fire

Teach your child how to call 911, and practice the process with them. Do not actually make a call during this exercise, but show them how to do it and then have them demonstrate without actually dialing the phone.

- Instruct your child to keep the doors locked at all times.
- Set clear ground rules concerning visitors.
- Work with your child to ensure that they know their address and telephone number.

Be careful not to place too much responsibility on your minor child. Setting up ground rules for your children to follow will be of great assistance. Above all else, please have a safe summer.

While planning your summer vacation, please do not forget the Police Department offers the vacation house watch program. Visit the Police Department, located at 600 N. Highway 175, before you leave for your vacation and fill out a house watch form. Be sure to provide the names, phone numbers and vehicle descriptions of those that may be visiting your residence while you are away on vacation, and please don't forget to notify us upon your return.