

seabrook **REVIEW**



CELEBRATION
feast & wine
by the bay



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Dear Residents,

It has been my sincere privilege to be the mayor of Seabrook since 2011. Over the past four years city council and city staff have started laying the groundwork that will help Seabrook grow and change when the expansion of State Highway 146 finally becomes a reality.

The City of Seabrook continues to communicate with TxDOT and Union Pacific regarding the SH 146 Expansion Project. The Seabrook Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) is actively working with area businesses, giving them relocation options and offering them incentives to relocate within Seabrook's city limits. The SEDC recently helped to redevelop Seabrook's Waterfront District, making it a prime location for dining and retail ventures.

Each year council and staff work together to create goals for the upcoming fiscal year.

As we move into 2016 we have identified the following goals for Seabrook:

- Update the city's Comprehensive Plan by identifying areas of the city that need improvement and redevelopment.
- Develop a thoroughfare plan to address issues for current and future development.
- Enhance traffic enforcement through a special traffic taskforce.
- Creatively connect with our citizens and businesses.
- Establish an internal staff plan for recruitment, retention and replacement of retiring employees.

In addition to these goals, the city, in partnership with the SEDC, have identified the Old Seabrook District as a primary redevelopment zone. Much of the Old Seabrook District was devastated by Hurricane Ike and over the past several years it has slowly started to come back to life.

One major change that will help revitalize Old Seabrook is the renaming of Second Street to Main Street. It is our goal to identify the newly renamed Main Street as the city's center making the street home to festivals and events.

Seabrook is my home, and I, like you, only want what is best for our small city. Change is coming and I have complete confidence that Seabrook will be ready for it.



It is our residents and businesses that make Seabrook such a great community and we need your continued input and support for city development, projects and events...



OUR VISION

Seabrook is a sustainable, energetic and beautiful coastal community that embraces environmental stewardship, fosters safe neighborhoods and promotes tourism and economic diversity.

CITY COUNCIL

- Mayor, Glenn Royal
- Mayor Pro Tem, Gary Johnson
- Position 1, Robert Llorente
- Position 2, Mike Giangrosso
- Position 4, Melissa Botkin
- Position 5, Glenna Adovasio
- Position 6, O.J. Miller

CITY MANAGEMENT

- City Manager, Gayle Cook
- Deputy CM, Sean Landis

OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

- City Secretary, Robin Hicks
- Deputy CS, Meredith Brant

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CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS [COMMUNITY INPUT]

We have been gathering your input Seabrook... Check out some of the results!

2015 ONLINE SURVEYS

number of survey respondents



949
grocery store survey



476
city services survey



517
comprehensive plan survey



CHARTING THE COURSE
• your city • your future •

JULY 30TH COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

250+
engaged residents, visitors & business owners-employees



What we discovered...

75% of respondents believe Seabrook's waterfront location is our best asset

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY RESULTS



80% OF RESIDENTS FEEL VERY SAFE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD

CITY SERVICES SURVEY RESULTS



60% are SATISFIED with the current state of the city

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY RESULTS



60% rate the Seabrook Hike & Bike Trails as EXCELLENT!

CITY SERVICES SURVEY RESULTS



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Seabrook PD Bike Patrol

The Seabrook Police Department continually strives to improve their service and support for Seabrook residents and businesses. The Seabrook PD is proud to announce that they will reinstate their Bike Patrol Division.

POLICE DEPARTMENTS across the nation struggle each year when hiring new officers. Every city needs qualified officers so the hiring competition can be extremely fierce. The City of Seabrook has diligently been working to recruit officers and has been very fortunate this year to add several well qualified officers to their force.

With the recent increase in staff, the Seabrook Police Department is pleased to announce that they are now able to reinstate their special Bike Patrol Division.

The Bike Patrol division is an integral part of patrolling and keeping the Seabrook community safe. With miles of hike and bike trails, numerous city parks and the Seabrook Waterfront District there are several areas of town where traditional police vehicles cannot go.

The Bike Patrol Division also allows officers to make personal connections with our residents and visitors due to their accessibility while on patrol. Historically speaking, when an officer is seen on a bike, versus a patrol car or an ATV, they appear more approachable,

which in turn helps to reinforce trust between the community and the police department.

Currently, the Seabrook Police Department has six certified bike officers with two fully equipped Cannondale Enforcer Police Mountain Bikes. It is the hope of the Seabrook PD to increase their bike fleet in the near future.



From the desk of the Seabrook Office of Emergency Management...

DON'T WAIT... COMMUNICATE

When it comes to being prepared for any type of disaster it is common that we only think in terms of being prepared for a hurricane. This is not the case. We need to be prepared for all types of disasters, and with that being said, you need to have an **Emergency Plan**. The good thing about an **Emergency Plan** is that not only will it work for hurricanes, but it will work for **ALL** other types of emergencies too.

Communication is key to a successful **Emergency Plan**. It is important to make sure that the entire family is prepared and informed in the event of an emergency. You may not always be together when disaster strikes and you should have a plan in place that will ensure you are able to contact and find one another.

Complete a contact card for each adult family member in your home. Have them keep these cards handy in a wallet, purse or briefcase, etc. Additionally, complete contact cards for each child in your family. Put the cards in their backpacks or book bags.

Identify a contact, such as a friend or relative, who lives out-of-town, who family members can easily notify when they are safe. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.

It is important to have conversations with your family members about evacuation routes and to identify a good meeting place outside your home in the event you have to leave the house. Also come up with a meeting place around the neighborhood in case you are unable to make it back to your home. This way, family members can easily find one another.

While Seabrook does not have chemical plants within our city limits, several neighboring cities

are home to the chemical industry so there is always a possibility that you might have to Shelter in Place. This is when you are advised to go inside, seal off windows and doors, turn off the AC unit and wait until it is safe to go outside. This also requires good communication because each family member needs to know what to do.

Communication is **VERY** important to having a successful and effective **Emergency Plan**. For more information on **Family Emergency Plans** you can visit www.ready.gov or www.redcross.org.

Having a plan in place for hurricanes is great, but don't wait to make a plan until hurricane season... your plan can be used for all types of emergencies. Communicate with your family and keep your plan updated.

~ Emergency Management Director, Jeff Galyean

October is
Fire Safety Month

- ✓ Replace the batteries in your smoke detector.
- ✓ Make a fire escape plan
- ✓ Call 911 in the event of a fire

Volunteer
with the SVFD
www.SeabrookFD.com

Celebration Seabrook

Come stroll down Main Street and celebrate a love of the coast with music, wine, craft beer, gourmet food trucks and more.



I don't know about you, but I LOVE to eat! Which is just one of the reasons why I am so excited about Celebration Seabrook.

I am not a Seabrook native, rather I am from the very dry and extremely windy part of Texas, the Permian Basin. Those of you from west Texas know exactly where the Permian Basin is located, but for those of you who do not know what I am talking about, you may be familiar with the Midland-Odessa metroplex (if you want to call it that).

Regardless of where I am from, my point is, while I may not be a Seabrook native I do **LOVE** Seabrook... for oh, so many reasons. But here are the two most important... the **FOOD** and the **WATER**.

There is NO water in west Texas. This is not a joke. The closest lake to my hometown of Midland is two hours away, and quite frankly it is not all that great.

Seabrook is not only adjacent to Clear Lake but it is also right on the bay. Never in my wildest dreams did I think my morning commute would have a view of sun rising on the water. If you have not had the chance to catch a glimpse of this

view, then you are missing out!

Celebration Seabrook will take place on Main Street, in the Old Seabrook District. This beautiful street is lined with palm trees with the water glistening in the background, making it the perfect location for this fun family festival.

So I mentioned the gorgeous view of the water... but let's get to my second love of Seabrook the **FOOD!**

I have literally gained ten pounds since I started working for the City of Seabrook. It is kind of hard not to gain a few pounds if you live or work within minutes of so many dining options.

There is Tookie's Burgers, Mario's Flying Pizza, Merlion on 4th, Classic Cafe, Neptune Subs and so many other mouth-watering options. The best part about all of these restaurants is that they are one-of-a-kind. Seabrook is famous for their "maw and paw" dining, it is one of things that makes Seabrook such a charming little town.

Keeping in theme with tasty dining options, the food at Celebration Seabrook will also be absolutely delicious. We will be rolling in the food trucks for the festival. With at least six different award winning trucks you will not leave hungry. Plus the VIP area will feature exclusive dining options from area chefs.

In addition, we will have cooking demonstrations for all those foodies out there (or wanna be foodies like me).

OK, I've told you about the view of the water and the food, so let me share with you a few more details about this **BIG** celebration on Main Street.

The fun will get started around 11 a.m. on



Saturday, November 14th and end around 9 p.m.

According to the Weather.com the average high in November is in the mid 70's with an average low in the upper 50's which sounds pretty amazing to me.

There will be a Family Fun Zone featuring a variety of jumpy houses, face painting and even a kids' fish. The best part is that kids 10 and under are **FREE!**

While the kids play, adults can enjoy a leisurely stroll along Main Street visiting with some of the area's unique merchants and vendors. You may even leave the festival with a few Christmas presents (hint: feel free to buy me one while you are at it).

With your ticket admission you will receive a voucher for beer or wine. The Craft Beer and Wine Garden will offer a variety of tasty beers and fine wines for you to choose from.

There will be two... yes, that is not a typo... 2 Live Music Stages! We have a great line-up of bands that will be performing throughout the day, including the popular Beatles cover band Abbey Road.

I am sure you are probably tired of my ramblings but I wanted to mention one more thing... be sure you have plenty of space on your phone to take pictures. We are going to temporarily relocate some of our friendly Pelicans to Main Street... after all they too want to be a part of the fun!

These colorful life size Pelicans will be the perfect backdrop for your Celebration Seabrook selfies. And when you post your selfies to Instagram, Twitter or Facebook be sure use the #CelebrationSeabrook so we can share them with all our friends.

To get tickets or for more information visit www.celebrationseabrook.com. Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$15 for 11 – 20 yrs. old; children under 10 are FREE. VIP tickets are also available.

~ Yours Truly, LeaAnn Dearman

I ♥ Seabrook

Seabrook Living

Seabrook is the perfect spot to relocate... right on the water and only 30-minutes from downtown.



The Towers of Seabrook 3300 Towers Blvd.

The Towers of Seabrook is a community inspired by the ultra-modern designs of uptown Houston conveniently located just off SH 146 in Seabrook. This luxury apartment complex has 419 units that are designed with high-end appliances and sophisticated styling. Pre-leasing will begin later this year.



Chesapeake Bay Repsdorff Drive

The Chesapeake Bay Senior Living Community is a 259 unit community for ages 55 and older. Council approved the development earlier this year and just recently the developer started clearing land and making site preparations with construction set to begin just after the new year.



El Mar Village Town Homes El Mar Lane and Meyer Road

The El Mar Village Town Homes is an 18-lot subdivision located at the corner of El Mar Lane and Meyer Road. Currently the developer is making infrastructure improvements with new home construction starting in early 2016.

For information relating to any development projects in Seabrook please contact the City of Seabrook's Community Development Department by calling (281) 291.5705.



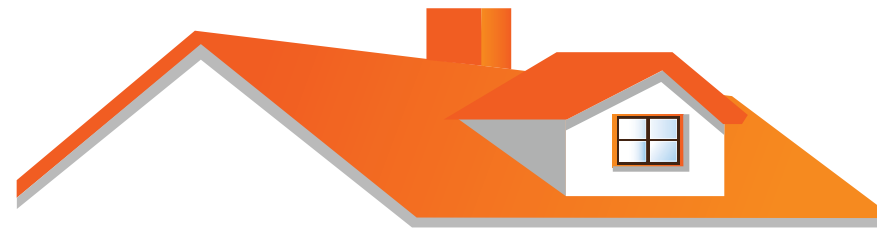
Tookie's Seafood has had a few construction delays but they plan to open in 2016!

Check out their Facebook page for updates.



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Join us each month on the first and third Tuesday at 7pm at City Hall.



An average household in Seabrook pays approximately \$92.83* per month for:

- ▶ 24-Hour Police, Fire & Ambulance Service
- ▶ Animal Control
- ▶ Streets & Drainage
- ▶ Parks & Trails Additions & Maintenance
- ▶ Code Enforcement & Permitting
- ▶ Emergency Management Services
- ▶ Municipal Court
- ▶ Capital Improvements
- ▶ Other City Services

*Based on Average Taxable Home Value of \$181,823



- ▶ Pelican Bay Splash Pad Complete. Monroe Field Splash ETA early 2016.
- ▶ Fiber Optic Network will begin installation by the end of 2015.
- ▶ New Public Works & Animal Shelter and Adoption Center will break ground by January 2016.
- ▶ New Fire Engine will arrive in the Spring of 2016.



Courtroom Etiquette

Noise

When the Seabrook Municipal Court is in session, each individual is given an opportunity to speak to the prosecutor and Judge about his or her case. Talking out loud and other disruptive noises can be distracting. Please refrain from noisy or disruptive behavior and be respectful of all court proceedings. The Judge highly recommends that all small children are not brought into the courtroom.

Electronic Devices

Please turn volume off on all cellular phones and any other electronic devices upon entering the courtroom.

Food & Drinks

Food, snacks, and drinks are prohibited. You will be asked by the bailiff to exit the courtroom to discard these items.

Dress Code

You are required to dress in a manner that demonstrates respect to the Court. Any offensive appearances will be addressed by the bailiff. No hats are worn in the courtroom.

Weapons

All weapons are prohibited in the courtroom.



Share your Christmas
 Nov. 23 - Dec. 15

Visit City Hall between November 24 and December 15 and pick a star from our City Hall Christmas Tree to make a child's wish come true this holiday season.

During your visit be sure to drop off non-perishable food. All gifts and donations go to Seabrook children and families.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sat. Dec. 5
 9 to 11 a.m.



Seabrook Community House

vendors
 Christmas on Main Street
 reserve your booth

Do you offer a unique holiday gift?
 Would you like to set up a booth at our Christmas on Main event on December 3?
 If so let us know!!!

Email Contact@SeabrookTX.gov



2015 Santa Run

Santa Claus is coming to town and will arrive around 8 am on Dec 12. Santa will be escorted around town by the SVFD on the back of their fire truck sleigh throwing candy to all the children of Seabrook!



SEABROOK FIRE DEPT.
 *Rainout date Dec. 19

Christmas on Main Street

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..." Yes, yes we know it is only OCTOBER but we are looking forward to this holiday season and wanted to share with you some of the upcoming holiday events.

The City of Seabrook is pleased to announce that we will be expanding our Christmas Tree Lighting event. This year we will be hosting all of our festivities right on Main Street. We will be featuring a new and improved 18-foot Christmas tree with over 680 twinkle lights! The tree will be located inside Mohruhsen Park at the corner of Main and Cook Street.

There will be performances from area schools and free hot chocolate and cookies provided by the Bay Area Citizen's Emergency Reponse Team and the Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department Auxillary, plus rumor has it that Santa Claus himself will be escorted to the event on the SVFD Fire Truck Sleigh.

We are currently accepting vendor applications for anyone who would like to have a merchant booth at Christmas on Main Street. Mark your calendars now... the fun will take place on Thursday, December 3!

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City of Seabrook Contact Information

CITY HALL



(281) 291.5600

1700 First Street
Seabrook, TX 77586

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon- Thurs.
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fridays

Building Department: (281) 291.5669
City Secretary: (281) 291.5663
Customer Service: (281) 291.5713

POLICE DEPARTMENT



(281) 291.5610

1400 Cook Street
Seabrook, TX 77586

Dial 911 in the event of an Emergency

Open 24 hours

MUNICIPAL COURT



(281) 291.5674

1700 First Street
Seabrook, TX 77586

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon- Thurs.
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fridays

ANIMAL CONTROL



(281) 474.2590

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