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## IMPROVING YOUR CITY



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# Dear Residents,

In the wake of increased violence towards police officers, we have seen a renewed public interest in the role of police.

At some point in our lives, we have all turned to a police officer seeking protection and comfort. Police officers play a vital role in maintaining the safety and welfare of the Seabrook community. Policing is as much about helping people and maintaining community quality of life as it is about enforcing laws and apprehending criminals.

Seabrook officers are community servants who are continually in touch with the community they serve. They are adept at fostering relationships and building connections between people and groups. Our officers are prepared to think and solve problems with a community based focus.

As Mayor of Seabrook, I fully support the outstanding women and men of the Seabrook Police Department, and surrounding law enforcement agencies. As a citizen of this community my family and I feel safe in our homes, while walking in our parks or shopping at our businesses.

The Seabrook Police Department is a department that has a sustained culture of integrity. The command staff emphasizes the importance on the ethical conduct of police officers. As approved by Seabrook voters, the department adheres to Civil Service Rules and Regulations as in compliance with Chapter 143, Municipal Civil Service Act. The purpose of this act is to secure an efficient department composed of capable personnel who are free from political influence and who have an expectation of permanent employment tenure as public servants.

Myself and the Seabrook City Council stands behind our police department. I would like to ask you as Seabrook residents to also support our officers. While many of us feel very safe in our community, we must remember that Seabrook is not immune to crime and violence. Police officers across the nation put their lives in harms way for their community; they need our support.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn Royal". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Mayor of Seabrook, TX

## 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

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Position 4, Melissa Botkin  
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# ★ HOW TO CAST YOUR VOTE ★ 2016 ELECTION

**ELECTION DAY - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

## ★ STEP 1

### Register

#### DEADLINE



Register, change or update your information and more online at:  
**www.TexasVotes.gov**

*Seabrook residents may register to vote in-person by visiting any Harris County Tax Office location. The area office is located at 16603 Buccaneer Ln. Houston, Texas 77062.*

To vote, you must be registered. The deadline to register for the November 8 Election is Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

Unsure if you are registered? Find out online at [www.votetexas.gov](http://www.votetexas.gov).

Are you registered to vote but you moved or changed your name since the last time you voted? No worries.

If you moved, but remained in Harris County, you can simply update your information online using the Secretary of State's Voter Registration Name/Address Change Form.

If you moved to Harris County from another county then **YOU MUST RE-REGISTER!**

If you changed your name and still reside in Harris County simply update your information online using the Secretary of State's Voter Registration Name/Address Change Form.

If you know that you have not registered to vote you may fill out a voter registration application online, print it and mail it to Harris County.

## ★ STEP 2

### Early Voting

**Freeman Branch Library**  
16616 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062

- October 24-28 ..... 8am to 6pm
- October 29 ..... 7am to 7pm
- October 30 ..... 1pm to 6pm
- Oct. 31 - Nov. 4 ..... 7am to 7pm



#### VOTE BY MAIL IF:

- You will be away from the County on Election Day
- You are sick or disabled
- You are 65 years of age or older on Election Day
- You are confined in jail, but eligible to vote

Details on How to Vote by Mail are available online at [www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com).

## ★ STEP 3

### Election Day

In the event that you were unable to vote early, you may vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8 between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at your precinct polling location.

**Please Note: Seabrook City Hall is NOT a Polling Location**



**LOG ONTO WWW.HARRISVOTES.COM TO FIND YOUR POLLING LOCATION**

# The New Normal

By Emergency Management Director Jeff Galyean

**HAVE YOU HEARD THE EXPRESSION** “the new normal”? It is an expression used by local officials and the media after a disaster strikes.

As an emergency management professional, one of my primary goals is to help our city recover from an incident or event. To try and get the city back to “normal”, that is, the way it was before the incident.

What was “normal” twenty years ago is no longer “normal” today. As a teenager in the 80’s the idea of a carrying a phone in your pocket would be simply absurd. Things change over time and technology is one of the major drivers of change.

I see this “new normal” concept in the field of emergency management all the time. For example, in the early 90’s and 2000’s, having a dedicated position for emergency situations didn’t seem necessary. However, it is now “normal” for a city to hire an emergency manager, some cities even have an emergency management team. If you think back, 9-11 really started to change the way we think about emergency events, and for good reason.

For several years there have always been four primary phases when handling an incident or event; preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation. However, now with new technologies and review of case studies prevention has become a very big part of the equation.

## Prevention

The idea of adding prevention as an area of focus seems like a no-brainer, but the important thing to remember is that not all incidents can be prevented. So while we may not be able to prevent an active shooter incident we can take proactive measures such as installing ballistic glass at customer service counters that may deter a potential active shooter. While many may fear that ballistic glass will take away from the customer service experience, let’s face it, it is really just the “new normal” and unlikely that there will be a big impact on the experience. Technology has greatly improved the safety gear worn by first responders. It is now “normal” for police officers to wear bullet proof vests that may save their lives. At the City of Seabrook, I am constantly working with and brainstorming with departments on how to prevent an emergency event. As ideas and strategies are discussed and implemented the “normal” way of doing business changes to a “new normal”.

## Preparedness

Practice makes perfect, right? Another expression that

is commonly used and it does hit the nail on the head. How do we expect to be prepared for an emergency if we never practice what an incident would really be like? It is now “normal” for municipalities to hold exercises and trainings for city employees who would be a part of an emergency response. These exercises can be very elaborate with role playing and mock press conferences or just simply discussing what to do in different types of incidents. I am also fairly positive you may have heard of CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams). These dedicated volunteers’ primary responsibility is to prepare for an emergency, so that in an event they can give aid and resources to those who need it. My point is, that it is now “normal” to “practice” in order to prepare.

## Response

Once upon a time, agencies would respond to an incident with little to no communication with other agencies who were also responding. The fire department may not have a clue what the police department is doing and vice versa. Time has taught us that communication during response is very, very important. In 2004, the National Incident Management System was created to implement a system which ensures all agencies are working together. It allows the federal government, state government, local government and even privately owned organizations to follow an Incident Command Structure that helps to eliminate communication issues.

## Recovery

During recovery is when you would most often hear the expression the “new normal”. After an event or incident it is our goal to get back to regular operations. Is it possible to go back to the way things were prior to the incident yes, but that may not always be a good thing. This is where mitigation comes in.

## Mitigation

By aiming for a “new normal” we can make things better and stronger than they were prior to the incident. Mitigation involves structural and non-structural measures that are needed to limit the negative impact of disasters and emergencies. Structural mitigation actions change physical characteristics of your environment, such as building improvements or flood control measures. Non-structural mitigation most often involves changing building codes or other policies.

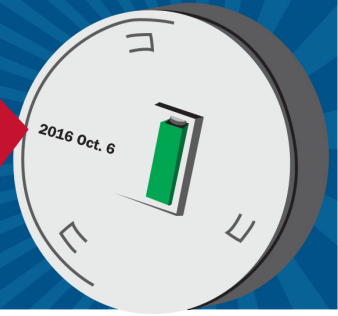
All five of these phases work together. It is a continuous cycle that is constantly being improved. Change, or a “new normal” is most likely taking place for good reason; for the betterment of the community. If you don’t like change, try looking at it from a different perspective... try thinking of it as the “new normal”.





# Don't Wait — Check the Date!

Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years



**Fire Prevention Week  
Oct. 9-15, 2016**

**Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms.  
Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!**



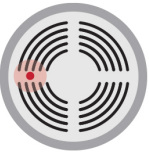
A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.



Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.



Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.



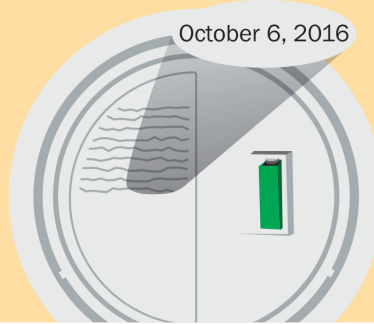
Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

**1**

Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling.



October 6, 2016



**2**

Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture.

**3**

Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture.



**4**

Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old.

**SEABROOK  
FIRE DEPT.**



**The men and woman of SVFD are your friends and neighbors and are proud to serve!**

# Improving Your City

When most of us wash our hands, take a shower or flush the toilet we rarely think about what happens next... Many of us just expect our water to turn on and for it to always disappear down the drain, with no problems.

By Communications Director, LeaAnn Dearman

**WATER AND WASTEWATER** is generally not a topic of conversation. Honestly, our residents just expect services like these to work; no matter what. But let's take a minute and think about what goes on behind the scenes.

I do realize this is not the most glamorous topic... who really wants to talk about what happens when we flush the toilet, but you may be surprised what is going on behind the scenes so you don't have to think about what happens when you flush. Please, bear with me.

The city's Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) is located on Main Street not far from the corner of Todville and Main. Surrounded by water, the location of the WWTP is far from ideal. The WWTP was built in 1961 in close proximity to City Hall, the Police Department and the Fire Station and in 1986 it was expanded to keep up with population growth. Because of its location, it is subject to tidal flows and tropical storms.

In the event of a hurricane or even a major storm there is a good chance that the WWTP could be out of commission from anywhere to a few hours, days or even weeks. As seen with Hurricane Ike, the plant took on major damage costing up to one-million dollars in repairs and the plant was completely shut down for three days. City officials could not even allow residents back into their homes until the WWTP was functional.

During the 2016/17 Fiscal Year Budget Process, Seabrook City Management and Public Works presented the Council with an updated list of Capital Improvement Programs (CIP). Capital Improvement Programs are major projects which are proposed to be undertaken during the next five fiscal years and cannot be budgeted within a normal operating budget and will require special funding.

These projects include: preserving neighborhoods, maintaining and improving city buildings and water/sewer infrastructure, implementing safe

and efficient transportation and drainage systems, enhancing and increasing recreation and open space systems, improving public safety and developing special projects for economic development

The CIP process is complex in nature due to the size, volume, various funding sources, project types and delivery methods. There are many competing priorities. The implementation of the CIP is based on the city's adopted general budget and applicable community plans.

The Comprehensive Master Plan is recognized as a key component of the Capital Improvement Program because it assists in determining the strategic goals that the city aims to achieve over the long term via its program of capital investments. The link between the Comprehensive Plan, the Annual Strategic Plan and the CIP is supported by various planning documents and studies, including functional master plans that inventory and assess particular types of physical infrastructure, identify deficiencies and prioritize needed investments.

During this year's CIP review, staff identified that a number of CIP projects would not hold the same priority or not need to be done at all if a new WWTP was started now. The existing WWTP is getting older (like all of us) and requires constant maintenance and improvements. So, the question was asked, "How much more do we invest in a 50+ year old plant," and "how many more new or rehabilitated sewer lines do we keep planning to route to the old plant?" Council heard the recommendations and determined the need to rearrange some of the CIP priorities. Council identified the critical need to start relocating the WWTP now, rather than later.

The relocation of the WWTP will take several years to complete and will be divided into several phases. The WWTP will







be relocated adjacent to the new the Public Works Complex just off Red Bluff Road and Park Drive. In addition to relocating the plant to higher ground, we will also be increasing the efficiency of the plant by installing new technology and equipment.

It is our hope that by 2026, the existing WWTP will be decommissioned and demolished and the new plant will be able to process the currently permitted 2.5 million gallons per day.

Why will the project take so long? Well, Rome wasn't built in a day... and the WWTP was built over 55 years ago so it will take time to not only build a new facility but to re-route and build new pipes that will connect and flow to the new plant. One of the hardest steps in the process will be going through an extensive permitting process. There are multiple agencies that will have to review the project and will hold this plant to the newer and "greener" standards.

These new regulatory measures are hard to meet but provide for a much more environmentally friendly plant that will serve not only our community for decades to come, but will also positively contribute to being an even better environmental steward.

In addition, the relocation of the WWTP will not only help to ensure plant functionality in the event of a storm, but it will also improve the Old Seabrook District along Main Street. The Old Seabrook District is slowly being revitalized with more events, happenings and new development.

Other items on the CIP include drainage and street improvements such as:

- The Todville Road Bridge
- Red Bluff Road Drainage Channel
- Wildlife Park Drainage Expansion
- Baybrook Section 1 – Streets
- Miramar - Streets

**We are improving your city one project at a time!**





# SEDC Incentives

With the SH 146 Expansion on the horizon the Seabrook Economic Development Corporation is engaging with existing and new businesses, offering incentives to build new or even improve existing store fronts.



**THE ENTIRE TOWN WAS BUZZING** with excitement earlier this summer when the new Tookie's Seafood finally opened its doors. In 2014, the SEDC approved a sales tax rebate for the Tookie's franchise expansion. Any businesses located within a City of Seabrook Neighborhood Empowerment Zone may apply for a sales tax rebate. Rebates are paid based on the sales tax report received from the State Comptroller's Office. Tookie's Seafood is located right next door to Tookie's Burgers.

You may have noticed that Burke's Outlet, located in the Miramar Shopping Center, recently received a much needed facelift. Burke's Outlet applied for and received a Storefront Façade Improvement Grant. The Storefront Façade Incentive encourages the renovation of existing storefronts and retail centers. As with the rebate incentive, property owners must be located within a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone and they must also provide detailed plans and a budget for the project to be considered by the corporation.

In addition, the SEDC is currently working with Merlion on 4th to incentivize improvements for their new building that will be located on Main Street. The city offers several different incentive programs to both new and existing businesses. Details about these programs are online at [www.seabrooktx.gov/incentives](http://www.seabrooktx.gov/incentives).



# CELEBRATION SEABROOK



tickets at [celebrationseabrook.com](http://celebrationseabrook.com)

*Set Sail*

Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>  
11am to 8pm

Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>  
Noon to 5pm

*on Main Street*

wine • craft beer • food trucks • music • kid fun • art • pelicans • pets



*Daisy the Pelican  
&  
Daisy the Pup*

This two-day festival celebrates a love of the coast with live music, wine, craft beer, gourmet food trucks, a merchant village, cooking demonstrations and much more. The Ahoy Kid Zone will feature bouncy houses, fishing, pirate and magic shows, face painting, story telling and Seabrook pelican painting fun.

On Sunday, enjoy our Sea of Art Walk plus performance art by famed French mural artist Sebastien Boileau; an official Super Bowl 2017 artist! You can also bring along your furry friends for Pet Portraits and our Fur-Chic Fashion Show.



**EXCLUSIVE \$5 RESIDENT  
DISCOUNT**

TICKETS AT [CELEBRATIONSEABROOK.COM](http://CELEBRATIONSEABROOK.COM)  
EVENTBRITE CODE: **RESIDENT2016**



# We LOVE our Pets

The new Animal Shelter and Adoption Center will open next spring and we are planning now for the needs of the new facility.

**STARTING THIS FALL**, the City of Seabrook will begin accepting donations for the new Animal Shelter and Adoption Center. Earlier this summer, the city broke ground on the new facility and with weather permitting the center will open it's doors next spring.

Once open, the Seabrook Animal Shelter and Adoption Center (SASAC) will feature 12 dog kennels and 6 cat kennels, plus a dog run with an area for you to get to know your pet prior to adoption.

We will soon be offering naming sponsorship for each kennel and also for our dog run benches. As a naming sponsor your business or name will be engraved on a plaque that is placed on the outside of a kennel or on a bench. Available sponsor opportunities are on a first come first serve basis and are limited. All sponsorships are tax deductible.

Animal Control is a small division, with only two full time staff, in addition the new facility will be open to the public, therefore, when it opens we will be seeking volunteers to help in a variety of ways.

City staff is currently working on the volunteer program and application process. We will be seeking volunteers who can:

- Take photos of lost and adoptable animals
- Walk and play with pets
- Clean kennels and wash bedding
- Bath and clean animals
- Be community ambassadors
- Help with registrations and adoptions

Last but certainly not least we will accept cash donations to help purchase and buy needed items.

Every donation, whether it is your time, goods or even a cash donation makes a difference for an animal in need.

The City of Seabrook is currently planning more and more events that will benefit the new center.

Join us on October 29th from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Meador Park for [Pumpkins, Paint and Pets](#). This new event will feature a Pet Costume Contest with prizes and there is no entry fee. In addition to dressing up our pets, we will also have a Painting Party for the kids. Each child will be given a pumpkin to paint on a first come, first serve basis. The city will provide all the painting supplies.

Then on Sunday, November 6th, we will have more special events for your pets during [Celebration Seabrook](#). The pet fun will include a Fur-Chic Fashion Show, Pet Portraits by Dori Nelson and an Adoption Paw-Party! [Celebration Seabrook](#) is always pet friendly and you are more than welcome to bring your furry friends with you on Saturday, too. Saturday, November 5th festivities include live music, a free kid zone, food trucks, cooking demonstrations and much more.

Share your love of pets with us by using the [#SeabrookLove](#) on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!



In addition to sponsorships, we will also be collecting a variety of donated goods including:



- Leashes
- Collars (all sizes)
- Dog Food (any kind except Ol Roy)
- Cat Food
- Treats
- Kitty Litter and Cat Boxes
- Flea and Tick Treatment
- Toys
- Brushes/Grooming Tools
- Water and Food Bowls
- Pet Beds
- Towels and Blankets
- Cleaning Supplies
- Laundry Detergent and Bleach
- Rubber and/or Latex Gloves
- Paper Towels
- Hand Sanitizer
- Reusable Shopping or Gift Bags
- Old Newspaper







City Hall  
Nov. 21  
to Dec. 16

# Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 3rd  
10am to Noon

Seabrook  
Community House



# Main Street Tree Lighting

Thursday, Dec. 1st 6pm to 9pm

Local Choir & Band Performances, plus a Charlie Brown Christmas, Vendors, Hot Chocolate, Cookies & a visit from Santa Claus!



SEABROOK  
FIRE DEPT.  
RESCUE

Santa Run  
December 10th

## 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**

2101 Humble Drive  
Seabrook, TX 77586

By appointments only

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