

seabrook **REVIEW**



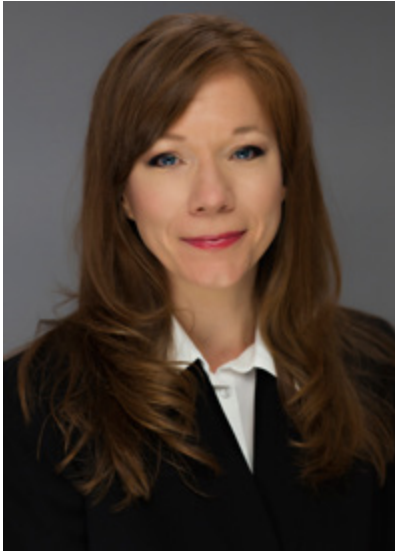
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Dear Residents,



Welcome to our Spring 2016 issue of the City Review. I appreciate you taking time to read our newsletter, which contains a good amount of information about what's happening in Seabrook.

Working with the Seabrook City Council, we have been moving forward in many positive ways. By far the impending SH 146 expansion project is on the forefront of your elected officials' and staff members' thoughts and actions each day. Each element of this project will impact Seabrook and how this city will function for decades to come. We would love for the quaint and quiet city we knew years ago to remain the same, but with our centralized location to entities to the south

and north of us, we have to look forward and make sure we mold our future carefully both economically and aesthetically.

We have been working on goals to bring forward distinct gateway, architectural and landscaping elements to the state highway project that will instill a new look that is completely different than our surrounding communities. A proposal will be brought forward by staff after a request for qualifications has been completed in the second quarter of 2016 for consideration.

At this time, the timeline given to the city by TXDOT for right of way acquisition appears to be on track, and by this summer we fully anticipate final offers to be made on many of our businesses along the SH 146 corridor with subsequent demolitions to follow.

Our financial position is in great shape, and our fund balances are healthy as we move toward the TXDOT construction phase approaching in 2018. Our responsible financial management practices have resulted in solid bond ratings and refinancing opportunities that saved our citizens hundreds of thousands of dollars. The city has prepared for this time with a Stabilization Fund and higher reserves to sustain service levels as new businesses replace those that will be displaced by the highway project.

We are Seabrook proud! We are fortunate to have an active and engaged elected body carrying our message and polishing our reputation with other officials in national and state organizations for all issues but especially transportation and mobility issues.

Quite simply, it is a great to be living in Seabrook. We can be proud to be residents of such a beautiful and respected city.

Thank you for choosing Seabrook for your home.

Seabrook City Manager

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

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Position 2, Mike Giangrosso

Position 4, Melissa Botkin

Position 5, Glenna Adovasio

Position 6, O.J. Miller

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Director of Communications*



Charting the Course: Master Comprehensive Plan

For the past year Seabrook city staff, boards, commissions and Council have been diligently working on the city's Master Comprehensive Plan. The Plan provides goals, objectives, recommendations and action items for Seabrook's growth and development for the next 10-20 years.

IN MARCH OF 2015, the City of Seabrook initiated the process of updating the comprehensive plan with the assistance of a consulting team from, an urban planning firm, Freese and Nichols, Inc. A comprehensive plan is an official document that illustrates and guides how a city should grow in the future based on the needs and desires of it's community. It has been a year since the journey has begun and the last community update on the project was presented in July of 2015 at the Community Workshop. At the workshop, the public learned about the comprehensive plan and had the opportunity to give input on elements of the plan including: transportation and circulation; future land use; economic development and tourism; and community character. Through breakout groups, polling exercises, comment cards, and public input boards, the consulting team was able to collect data about the preferences of the community. Citizens also had the opportunity to participate in an online survey in which there were over 500 respondents.

From July to December of 2015, the Master Plan Review Committee (MPRC) and the consulting team met seven times. In September, the MPRC met to evaluate public input, and then in November, a Big Ideas Workshop

was held where the MPRC participated in exercises to determine what Seabrook should be in the future. Other meetings were held to begin drafting the future land use map, guiding principles, recommendations and to meet with community stakeholders. In February of 2016, the MPRC finalized the guiding principles representing six emerging themes from the community input, identified seven planning areas to focus efforts, and narrowed the list of recommendations to include in the comprehensive plan.

In the coming months, the consulting team is developing a complete draft of the comprehensive plan to be reviewed by the MPRC and receive comments. The MPRC will meet one last time to review the comprehensive plan before presenting the plan to City Council. The plan is anticipated to be adopted by City Council early summer of 2016.

For more information about the plan, information about previous meetings, and to stay up to date on the progress of the plan visit the Comprehensive Plan page at www.seabrooktx.gov/your-city.



Monroe Field Splash Pad

Mark your calendars now! The Monroe Field Splash Pad will officially open to the public on Saturday, April 30th at 11 a.m. The City of Seabrook will hold a short ribbon cutting ceremony and everyone is invited to attend.

The brand new Monroe Field Splash Pad is complete and ready for the summer season! The splash pad was approved during the 2014 Bond Election which also replaced the splash pad located at Pelican Bay. The Monroe Field Splash Pad will be open from April to September on **Tuesday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** The splash pad will be closed on Mondays for maintenance.

There are fun features for the entire family including a “Dumping Pelican”, a “Sail Boat”, “Spidey Sprayers”, a colorful “Watergarden Fish”, plus a variety of fountains and ground geysers. Activators sequence the features to start at different times for an impressive water show that also saves water when the area is not in use. The colorful activator incorporates a touch-activated sensor into a flower design.

The Monroe Field Splash Pad is fun for the whole family and always free of charge. Your kids are sure to love it! If you post pictures to Twitter, Instagram or Facebook be sure to use the **#iheartseabrook**.



Pelican Bay

Opens Tuesday, June 7th

1109 Hammer Street, just inside Miramar Park!

Open Tues.-Sat. 10am-8pm
Closed Sunday & Monday

Party Rooms Available!
seabrooktx.gov/pelicanbay



City of Seabrook

Swim Lessons

FIRST SESSION

June 14-16 & 22-23

9am - 9:40am

6pm - 6:40pm

SECOND SESSION


July 12-14 & 19-20

9am - 9:40am

6pm - 6:40pm



seabrooktx.gov/pool

Each class will admit up to ten students. Each session is \$40 for Seabrook residents and \$60 for nonresidents.

4th of July Kids Parade

Meador Park
2100 N. Meyer
10 a.m. to noon


STEVEN SPIELBERG Presents
THE GOONIES
A RICHARD DONNER Film

Saturday, July 16th



FROM THE CREATORS OF
Disney PIXAR
THE GOOD DINOSAUR

Saturday, August 13th

swim'n' movie nights

1109 Hammer
no rain out dates...



Police & Technology



Policing today is like many other professions, where technology is no longer limited to an IT department or technology staff.

FROM THE DESK OF POLICE CHIEF, SEAN WRIGHT

The Seabrook Police Department, like many other departments finds it necessary to use technology in its efforts to provide efficient and effective service to the community. Since 2013 the police department has increased its technology footprint.

Technology has been implemented in the operations of the police department in many areas. Within the last three years we replaced our entire radio system. The change from the previous analog 800 MHz Harris County radio system to the new Harris County digital system was started in 2013 and completed in 2015. The technology upgrade included new Motorola and EF Johnson handheld radios, Motorola vehicle radios, and the new dispatch operational software (Telex) and Motorola communications console.

This change was completed prior to the Federal Government's requirement for digital (P25) compliance. With the new change the department has increased communications capabilities, mobility and interoperability of the first responders, police, fire, and EMS.

In addition we have also upgraded our dispatching and record management software system. The software upgrade was made to SunGard OSSI, a shared operations and information system, that includes over ten local agencies that can share information and assist each other from their own terminals. The ability to share information, data, and incident response in real time is an effective tool during a critical incident. New mobile data terminal (MDT) laptop computers have been installed in all the marked police units and the Panasonic CF31 touch screen computers were implemented to run the new software.

This robust system also has the ability to share information from the department to the citizens through the internet P2C (police to citizen) and by third party providers (Raids Online) at no cost to the department or the citizen. This is an efficient and convenient way to keep the community informed on issues without direct assistance from department personnel. To view the P2C portal or Raids Online visit the Records section of our website at www.seabrooktx.gov/police.

The department has also upgraded their ability to record or capture information on patrol by the deployment of the new L3 HD video equipment installed in all patrol vehicles. The new video capabilities have been added to record traffic stops, provide evidence in court proceedings and to address state mandates on officers' contact with citizens.

The Seabrook Police Department is continually looking to provide technology as a tool to its personnel. Future additions in technology will include body cameras, automated fingerprint readers (that can operate from the field) and updated electronic ticket writers.

The Seabrook Police Department values the need for technology. Technology is something new police recruits consider when selecting a potential department as they understand and embrace technology. As the department reviews its technology needs it also reviews all of our funding sources, including grant opportunities and other partnerships that will keep cost low. The department actively seeks and has received grants for technology upgrades and purchases.



a profile of the SEABROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT



POLICE STATION

1400 Cook Street
Seabrook, TX 77586

- Attached to Seabrook City Hall
- Operates 24 hours per day
- Operates a 24 hour dispatch call center
- Onsite jail facilities for temporary lock up

contact us by calling

NON-EMERGENCIES
(281) 291.5610

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OPERATIONS

Patrol

Sergeant & 4 Patrol Officers Day & Night Shifts

Criminal Investigations (CID)

Sergeant & Investigator

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE)

3 Certified CVE Officers



SUPPORT

Marine

3 Certified Marine Safety Officers, Operating a 23-foot Police Outfitted Boston Whaler Guardian and provides Mutual Aid for the U.S. Coast Guard

ATV

2 Certified ATV Officers

Bicycle

9 Certified Bike Officers

41 Dedicated Public Servants: 32 Sworn Officers & 9 Civilians

27 SWORN OFFICERS

Chief, 2 Lieutenants, 1 Administrative Sergeant, 1 Detective Sergeant, 1 Detective, 4 Patrol Sergeants, 17 Patrol Officers

9 Civilian Employees

8 Dispatchers and 1 Records Clerk

current staff



#WhyIWearTheBadge

Officer Ken Mayes, pictured left, has been with the Seabrook Police Department for 28 years. He is a Navy Veteran and was raised in Pasadena. Mayes is a Marine Safety Enforcement Officer and a Field Training Officer.

"I always wanted to be a police officer... it's my job."

Officer Jeremy Sweet, pictured right, has been with the Seabrook Police Department for one year. He is an Army Reservist and was raised in Pearland. Sweet is currently a Patrol Officer.

"The badge is something I believe in... it is a symbol of a higher standard."

SFVD Open House

Join us at Fire Station #1 in Seabrook on Saturday, May 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department Open House... we will be commissioning our NEW Fire Engine into service.



In November 2014 Seabrook voters passed Bond Proposition No. 2 to purchase a fire engine for the Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department. The new engine is here and will be replacing the 1994 engine. The impressive truck is a 2016 Pierce Velocity 2000 gpm pumper that carries 750 gallons of water, 50 gallons of Class B foam, 20 gallons of Class A foam and a compressed air foam system.

The engine is state of the art with the newest safety systems and front wheel independent suspension. Plus it is designed to transport five firefighters that will be fully deployed with air packs. As if that wasn't enough, the new truck also has special compartments to handle basic medical equipment, including an automated electronic defibrillator for the Seabrook Medical First Responder Program.

During the SFVD Open House on May 7th the City of Seabrook will commission into service the new fire engine, Engine 10. In addition, the SVFD will have present several demonstrations to the community so they will have a better understanding of what the SVFD does for Seabrook.

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE

- SVFD recruiting booth
- Fire prevention awareness
- Rappelling and high-angle rope rescue
- Displays of SVFD apparatus and equipment
- A vehicle extrication demonstration (also known as the "Jaws of Life Rescue")

Lunch will be provided between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. SVFD Station #1 is located at 1850 East Meyer Road in Seabrook.

Your Seabrook Fire Department is ready to serve you!

Build a Kit, Have a Plan, Stay Informed...

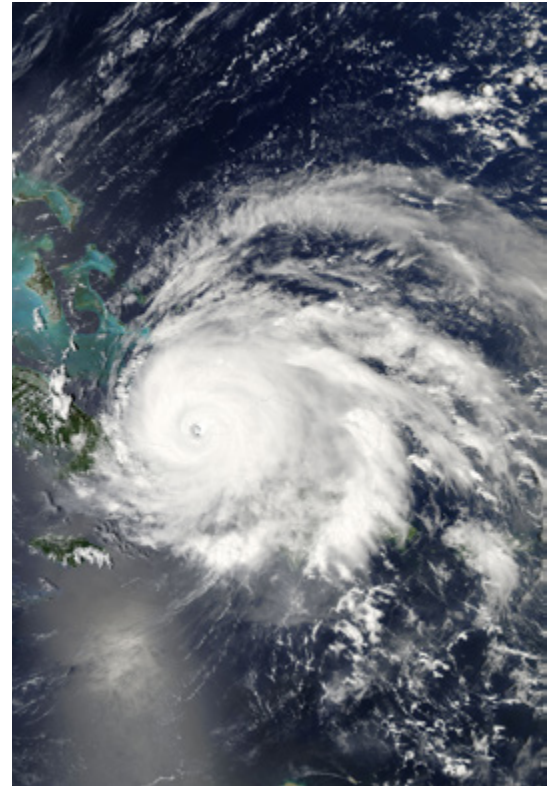
JUNE 1ST WILL MARK THE START OF HURRICANE SEASON... Spring has arrived and everyone is ready for the summer, but are you ready for this year's Hurricane Season?

The answer to this question might vary among every citizen in the city of Seabrook. Everyone needs to have an Emergency Kit, not only in the event of a hurricane but for any emergency. What is your Plan of action in the event a disaster comes? And how will you stay informed during the times of a disaster.

All of these questions can be answered for you at the upcoming Hurricane Preparedness Seminar which will be held at the **Seabrook City Hall on May 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** Our Emergency Management Coordinator will be speaking on Preparedness for all hazards and disasters, Our Flood Plain Manager will be speaking on the importance of Flood Insurance and obstacles that our city is facing in the upcoming months and years, and yes, the National Weather Service will be on hand to discuss the upcoming Hurricane Season.

For more information on preparedness visit www.seabrooktx.gov/emergencies and also come out to the event on May 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to learn first hand what you need to know about building a kit, having a plan, and staying informed.

FROM THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, JEFF GALYEAN



BayCERT

Community Emergency Response Team
Seabrook • La Porte • Webster
Nassau Bay • El Lago • Deer Park



Shelter Disaster Drill

Seabrook Community House
Thursday, April 28 @ 6:30 p.m.

Consider being a volunteer for BayCERT's mock-emergency drill being held at the end of April. BayCERT is a community emergency response team with members from the City of Seabrook, La Porte, Webster, Nassau Bay, El Lago and Deer Park.

Team members are trained in: Disaster Preparedness, Small Fire Suppression, Medical Operations, Treatment Strategies and Triage, Light Search and Rescue, Team Organization and Disaster Psychology and Terrorism Awareness.

To become a BayCERT member you must go through an 8-week training course provided by local professionals. Email baycert@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming a member!

a City to LOVE

I have had the honor and privilege to work in Seabrook for the last 4 years and I never regretted my decision to move here from west Texas... I have truly fallen in LOVE with Seabrook!

IN FEBRUARY 2016, the City of Seabrook was voted as the *"Best City to Love"* by readers of the Bay Area Houston Magazine. Seabrook businesses that also made the list, included Merlion on 4th for Best Asian Cuisine, Seabrook Classic Cafe for Best Cafe, Tookie's Hamburgers for Best Hamburger, Outriggers Seafood for Best Seafood, Lakewood Yacht Club for Best Brunch and Best Yacht Club, Back Bay Boutique for Best Women's Boutique and Bayway Homes for Best Home Builder. *It is easy to see why Seabrook is so easy to LOVE!*

In addition, to being a great city to live in, Seabrook is also a great organization to work for! The city's Finance Department is an award winning department receiving the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting for 35 consecutive years and achieving the highest level of the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle Award winner since its inception in 2010.

Did you know that the Emergency Management Department and the Communications Department are also award winners? In 2013, Seabrook, along with other area cities, received the Texas Municipal League Excellence Award for their communication and emergency planning efforts during Shuttlebration. The Communication Department has also received awards for internal communications and the city's website from the Texas Association of Municipal Officers and Advisors.



Our Public Works and Parks Department maintains over 200 acres of parkland that is connected by over 10 miles of Hike and Bike Trails. In addition, this department ensures that the city's roadways and streets are safe and clean while also providing a quality water and sewer system to residents and businesses. Recently, the Old Seabrook District and Waterfront District experienced several waterline breaks. The Public Works Department was quickly able to identify the problem and they limited the water outage to only a few homes and businesses in the area. By the way, our city parks are also award winning!

During the 2016 Warrant Roundup the Seabrook Municipal Court cleared 133 warrants with a total gross collected of \$26,367. Our Municipal Court totally rocks!

Construction for the SH 146 Expansion Project is quickly approaching and right-of-way acquisition for properties that will be impacted by the expansion are starting to be acquired by TxDOT. Both our Community Development and Economic Development departments have been diligently working with area businesses and developers to help assist any displaced businesses. New developments will create an opportunity for these businesses to stay in Seabrook.

Interesting fact... the city's most viewed webpage is our Job Listings. And why not?!? Seabrook is an awesome organization to work for. We have several positions open including police officers, dispatchers and our season positions at the pool.

Does your teenager need a job this summer? Then have them apply to be a Lifeguard. The City will provide the lifeguard training needed for certification.

As you can see, I love Seabrook and I am sure you do too!

~ Yours Truly, LeaAnn Dearman, Seabrook Review Editor

Share your Seabrook Love...

#IHeartSeabrook

We want to see your Seabrook photos! When you post to social media use the #IHeartSeabrook



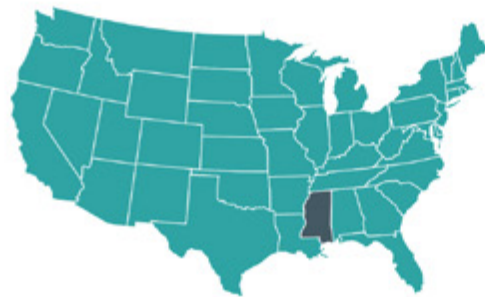
Save Water this Summer

The City of Seabrook receives its water supply from the City of Pasadena and is limited to 3 million gallons of water per day. Last summer the city had to enforce Stage 1 Water Restrictions because the city's water usage exceeded 2.55 million gallons of water per day, for five consecutive days. Help prevent us from entering into Water Restrictions this summer by doing your part to conserve water!



U.S. residents consume more water per person than any other country!

DID YOU KNOW?



Waste of water is equivalent to the annual flow rate of the Mississippi River



Producing 1 hamburger uses 2,400 litres of water = Water to fill 16 bathtubs.

6 easy ways to save water during the summer...

Lawn & Garden

- Water before 8 a.m. or after 8 p.m.
- Only water two days per week.
- Don't water your drive-way or sidewalk.
- Buy a rain sensor for your sprinklers.
- Use mulch around flower beds.

Fix Faulty Faucets

- A little drip may not seem like a big deal, but a faucet leaking one drop per second wastes about 2700 gallons of water per year!
- You can easily stop leaky faucets without calling a plumber. Do-it-yourself faucet-repair kits are sold at most hardware stores and home centers.

Smart Laundry

- First, wash only full loads of laundry. If you must wash a partial load, adjust the water level to match the load.
- Avoid the permanent-press setting.
- When leaving home for vacation shut off the hot and cold water valves, just in case a hose ruptures.

Tame the Toilet

Leaky toilet tanks are huge water wasters. To detect a toilet-tank leak, remove the tank cover and add a few drops of food coloring to the water. Wait 30 minutes, then check the water in the toilet bowl. If it has turned the hue of your food coloring, then the tank is leaking. Repair or replace the flush mechanism.

Shorten your Shower

- Be sure to shower instead of drawing a bath.
- Shorten your shower by at least 5 minutes... better yet aim for a 5 minute shower!
- Install a low-flow shower-head.

Save in the Kitchen

- Use the dishwasher and ensure you have a full load of dishes.
- Don't thaw frozen food under warm running water.
- Rather than boiling veggies in a pot of water, consider steaming them in the microwave.

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



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1400 Cook Street
Seabrook, TX 77586

Dial 911 in the event of an Emergency

Open 24 hours

MUNICIPAL COURT



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8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fridays

ANIMAL CONTROL



(281) 474.2590

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