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Dear Residents,



Since being elected as your Mayor in May of 2017, Seabrook has not only endured a historical rain event with Hurricane Harvey, but we have also started to see the close of several cherished businesses due to the expansion of State Highway 146. As Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts continue locally and, in our region, the expansion of SH 146 will now start to have a major impact on our community. The closing of some iconic eateries such as Neptune Subs and Tookie's Burgers is truly heartbreaking, and I, along with the rest of the community grieve at these losses, but now it is time to move forward and develop Seabrook's future.

In May of this year, TxDOT will go into contract with a project and construction company that will manage the construction of the new highway. Construction is currently slated to begin during the last quarter of this year and will take between three and four years to complete. The Seabrook boat ramp will close when construction begins on the south side of Seabrook first and then construction will progress north. Unfortunately, the Seabrook boat ramp will not reopen; however, the City will continue to look for alternative options for our boating community.

With adversity comes success and the City of Seabrook and our Economic Development Corporation have been diligently working to find suitable locations for displaced businesses who have the need to relocate and reconfigure. Among these have been Mario's Pizza relocating to NASA Parkway; AutoZone and CVS Pharmacy both relocating to the Repsdorph Traffic Circle redevelopment; Blue Line Rental redesigning for their current location; and several other smaller businesses finding alternate locations in Seabrook. As demolition takes place, new development is also in the works along SH 146 for more businesses to relocate or for new businesses to come into the city.

The City and the EDC have also been working with TxDOT to implement unique and beautiful highway design standards that will help to enhance the seaside characteristics of our small town. These design standards will set Seabrook apart from other cities in our area and will incorporate Seabrook branding with eco-friendly additions such as trees and vegetation.

The City of Seabrook is about to launch a new website, www.SH146.com, that will be dedicated to keeping residents, businesses and visitors informed of all phases of construction. We currently have the site live with blog style updates on businesses that have already closed or relocated. Once the new site launches visitors to the site will be able to sign up for weekly construction updates, view traffic maps and much more.

For many, the expansion of SH 146 may be sad and even scary, but as your Mayor I want to ensure all of our residents that the Seabrook City Council and Seabrook City staff will work diligently for you. Together, we will get through these growing pains and we will see a bright and prosperous future.

Thom Kolupski, 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

Mayor, Thom Kolupski
 Mayor Pro Tem, Gary Johnson
 Position 1, Robert Llorente
 Position 2, Laura Davis
 Position 3, Gary Johnson
 Position 4, Joe Machol
 Position 5, Glenna Adovasio

CITY MANAGEMENT

City Manager, Gayle Cook
 Deputy CM, Sean Landis

CITY SECRETARY

Robin Hicks

CITY ATTORNEY

Steve Weathered

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 Seabrook's City Review
 LeaAnn (Dearman) Petersen, CPC
 Director of Communications*

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION | SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

City Council candidates are listed by the order they will appear on the ballot.



Mike Giangrosso is running for At-Large Position No. 1 and has been a Seabrook resident for over 11 years and has lived in the Bay Area for 38 years. He has been married to his wife, Hilda for 20 years and they have two children, Clarissa and Craig. Professionally, Mike has worked in the hospitality industry for over 27 years.

Throughout his career in the hospitality industry, Mike has been known for his commitment to service excellence. Mike has served on the Seabrook City Council from 2011 to 2017 and has served on numerous committees and been involved in several different organizations. No stranger to the Bay Area, Mike has served this community for over 17 years.



Ed Klein is running for At-Large Position No. 1 and has been a Seabrook resident for 15 years. He retired after 40 years of service at the Boeing Company, with 25 years of engineering executive and program management experience. While employed, he was President of the Employee Community Fund and founder and President of the NASA/CCISD Robotics Booster Club. Upon retirement, he shifted his interests to giving back to the community.

He has served as President of the Lake Cove HOA for almost seven years and a Galveston County Master Gardener for five years, recently elected as Treasurer. He is also a certified AARP income tax preparer for seven years now and manages the Webster site. He enjoys extensive international traveling, fishing, and cycling. He has been married to his wife Adel for 33 years and they have two grown sons, the younger son graduated from Clear Lake High School.



Jeff Larson is running for At-Large Position No. 3 and has been a Seabrook resident since 2004. Having grown up North Dakota, he loves the culture of Seabrook where neighbors meet in every store or restaurant. He has served on the board of the Lake Cove Home Owners Association and has experience in handling department budgets and timelines as department head and project manager. He understands the importance of working together with clear goals and the need for contingency planning to cover multiple scenarios. Foremost is fiscal responsibility in how taxes are being utilized.

With the Highway 146 project, it is important to establish infrastructure and incentivize businesses to remain in Seabrook and build our tax base. Jeff received a doctorate in toxicology from Washington State University and has 25 years' experience in the pharmaceutical industry. In his leisure, he and his wife Katia lead a small home church in Lake Cove. Their son, Dylan, attends Seabrook Intermediate School.



David McLendon is running for At-Large Position No. 3 and has lived in Seabrook since 1997. He has both a Bachelors in Construction Science and a Masters in Construction Management from TAMU. With 30 years of experience in the Engineering and Construction industry, he has made a career working in Project Controls as an Estimator, Cost Specialist, Planner/Scheduler, and Risk Analysis Specialist.

He has extensive experience in the planning and execution of EPC projects valued from the \$100 million to in excess of \$1 billion dollars. Currently employed with Fluor in Sugar Land, he shares his knowledge as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Houston at both the Main and the Sugar Land campuses. He is a Lifetime member of the Construction Industry Advisory Council (CIAC) serving on multiple committees. Cementing his personal education initiative, he has funded a \$25,000 Endowed Scholarship for any Texas high school student facing financial hardships planning to attend Texas A&M University.

Candidate bios and photos were provided by each candidate. The City of Seabrook does not support or oppose any candidate listed in this publication. Content provided is for informational purposes only. More information about the May Election is available on the city's website at www.seabrooktx.gov/elections.

Flood Insurance

Can you really afford to *NOT* carry it?



Photo: David J. Phillip, AP

Living in a coastal community and not having flood insurance is a bad idea. As we discovered during Hurricane Harvey, the water does not always come from Galveston Bay. It can also come from the sky in the event of 33.6 inches of rain in a four day period. With most of the City of Seabrook in the regulatory floodplain, mortgage lenders require, by federal law, to carry flood insurance to protect the loan. Now is the time to purchase flood insurance, if you have not already, because once the policy is purchased it will take thirty (30) days to take effect. The City of Seabrook participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which will allow you to purchase flood insurance whether or not you live in a high-risk flood zone. As we can see from recent intense rain events like Harvey, you can flood anywhere whether inside or out of a known flood hazard area. Here are some reasons to buy flood insurance now:

1. Most people who live in NFIP participating communities, including renters and condo unit owners, are eligible to purchase federally backed flood insurance. A maximum of \$250,000 of building coverage is available for single-family residential buildings; \$250,000 per unit for residential condominiums. The limit for contents coverage on all residential buildings is \$100,000, which is also available to renters.
2. Spring flooding is in full effect and there is a 30-day waiting period before coverage begins.
3. If your community participates in the NFIP, you are eligible to get flood insurance even if you are located outside the 100-year flood plain.
4. You can receive payments for flood-related losses for over-land flooding – even if no disaster was declared.
5. You can depend on being reimbursed for flood damages because NFIP flood insurance is backed by the federal government.
6. You do not have to repay flood insurance benefits (as you do with disaster-related assistance loans).
7. Renters can purchase flood insurance contents coverage for personal belongings or business inventory.
8. Basement coverage includes cleanup expense and repair or replacement of items such as furnaces, water heaters, washers, dryers, air conditioners, freezers, utility connections, and pumps.
9. You can request a partial payment immediately after the flood, which can help you recover even faster.
10. Buying flood insurance is the best thing you can do to protect your home and business, and your family's financial security, from a flood.

PUBLIC WORKS WORKING FOR YOU!


You may be surprised to know what Seabrook's Public Works Department does for YOUR community.

CITY TRAIL SYSTEM


Maintains over 13 miles of hike and bike trails, connecting more than 10 parks!

DID YOU KNOW?


After Hurricane Ike in 2008, the City of Seabrook strategically combined the Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments. Parks became a division of Public Works in an effort to conserve and save taxpayers money.



KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL



GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
EST. 1969



\$160,000 AWARDED
for a landscaping project along a state highway


53 ACRES

of Wildlife Refuge along Red Bluff


A LOT OF MOWING

More than 80 acres of parks and public spaces are mowed each month by PW


Treats all public rights-of-way each week for mosquitos!




Plans & manages several city events throughout the year!




Seabrook purchases fresh water from the City of Pasadena.




PW MAINTAINS ALL CITY OWNED STREETS



WE'RE HIRING!
Lifeguards



CONSERVE WATER!
Be sure to conserve water this summer... ask us how to purchase a rain barrel.



Wastewater is treated locally & the city has an active Capital Improvement Plan to relocate the WWTP near the Public Works Complex.

Check out Pelican Bay, the City's pool, this summer or the Monroe Splash Pad which opened April 1... both managed and maintained by Public Works!

CITY EVENTS

July 4th
Kids' Parade
at Meador

Sept. 8th
Kids' Fish
at Pine Gully

Oct. 6th
Celebration
Seabrook
at Meador

Nov. 10th
Movie in
the Park
at Meador
featuring Jumanji

Nov. 11th
Veterans
Day Parade
at Bay Area
Veterans
Memorial on
Main

For more information and a listing of all Seabrook events visit our City website at seabrooktx.gov!

Who's Hungry?

Bay Area Houston sees over 3,000 million tourists each year and Seabrook is where the locals eat.



BOLDHOUSE FACEBOOK PHOTO

I don't know about you, but I LOVE to eat and after moving to Seabrook in 2012 I can assure you I have never gone hungry!

As Communications and Marketing Director the one question I am asked most often from tourists is where should we eat? And while our neighboring cities may have larger than life attractions, Seabrook is the place to eat during your visit to Bay Area Houston.

Now as a resident you may be a little sceptical... You may say, "Really LeaAnn? The 146 Expansion is closing all the good restaurants." To which I say, we may have to agree to disagree, because as I see it, we still have some of the most unique and best places to eat in the region.

True, Tookie's Hamburgers closed due to the highway expansion, but did you know that **Hubcap Grill** from Kemah is moving to Seabrook? You will still be able to get a delicious mouth-watering hamburger made to order in Seabrook by visiting Hubcap Grill's Seabrook location. For those not familiar with Hubcap Grill's

other locations, they include the Galveston Strand, Downtown Houston and the Heights. My mouth is watering just looking at the photos. Hubcap Grill plans to open in four to six weeks between TASC and the Valero on NASA Parkway.

If you are like my 9-year-old son, John, and like pizza more than hamburgers, I have excellent news... **Mario's Flying Pizza** is moving to NASA Parkway, a mere two minutes from their current location. Even more good news, Mario's offers delivery on their ENTIRE menu. Pastas, salads, sandwiches and even desserts. This is excellent for all of us who work at City Hall, since we will no longer be able to walk to the restaurant, we can still easily have all of our favorites delivered.

A few weeks ago, I discovered something new... that the **Boldhouse** is now serving lunch during the week and brunch on Saturday and Sunday. Those who consider themselves to be foodies, or want-to-be foodies like me, will very much enjoy the Boldhouse menu options. The Boldhouse is located on NASA Parkway and is the swanky dark purple building adjacent to the Springhill Marriot. You can't miss it.

Speaking of swanky, have you seen the new **Merlion** being built on Main Street in Old Seabrook? Never heard of Merlion? Then please take some time to visit their current location on 4th Street. Merlion is famous throughout the Houston area and has won several awards including the top award at the 2017 Houston Rodeo Best Bites Competition. This unique Thai restaurant has also been named "Best of the Bay" for several years in a row. If you do plan to visit, be sure to call ahead and make a reservation as their current location fills up fast. We look forward to having their new location open soon.

Looking for a one-of-a-kind experience while you dine, then you may be interested



HUBCAP GRILL | FACEBOOK PHOTO



MERLION ON MAIN COMING SOON

in **Barge 295**. Still fairly new to Seabrook, Barge 295 is located on Clear Lake... literally, it floats, like a boat. After the Turtle Club closed, new owners came in and revamped the old club into a restaurant and bar. Enjoy theme nights and specials throughout the week.

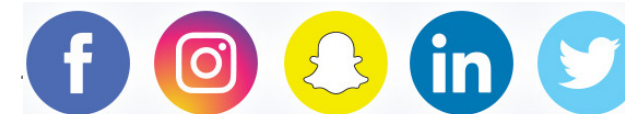
While these may be a few of the "newbies" or some of the "changes" coming to our community, we still have other local favorites that are tried and true. **Habanero's** offers fresh Yucatan tacos, there is always tasty seafood at Tookies Seafood and Outriggers is still open and I can't help but mention that Sam's Boat offers some pretty spicy crawfish this time of year. More Mexican offerings are available at Iguanas Ranas and additional Italian options can be found at Villa Capri and they too have amazing views of Clear Lake.

As the highway is expanded, the Seabrook Economic Development Corporation will continue to offer incentives to existing and new businesses and fast food chains will more than likely start to pop up during and after construction. As Mayor Kolupski mentioned in his letter to the residents of Seabrook, we will get through these growing pains together and I feel fairly certain that none of us will go hungry... well at least I know I won't go hungry! Why did I choose to write this during lunch? I now cannot decide if I want a hamburger, pizza, tacos or seafood... or maybe crawfish! Spring won't last forever.

I ❤️ Seabrook

~ Yours Truly, LeaAnn (Dearman) Petersen

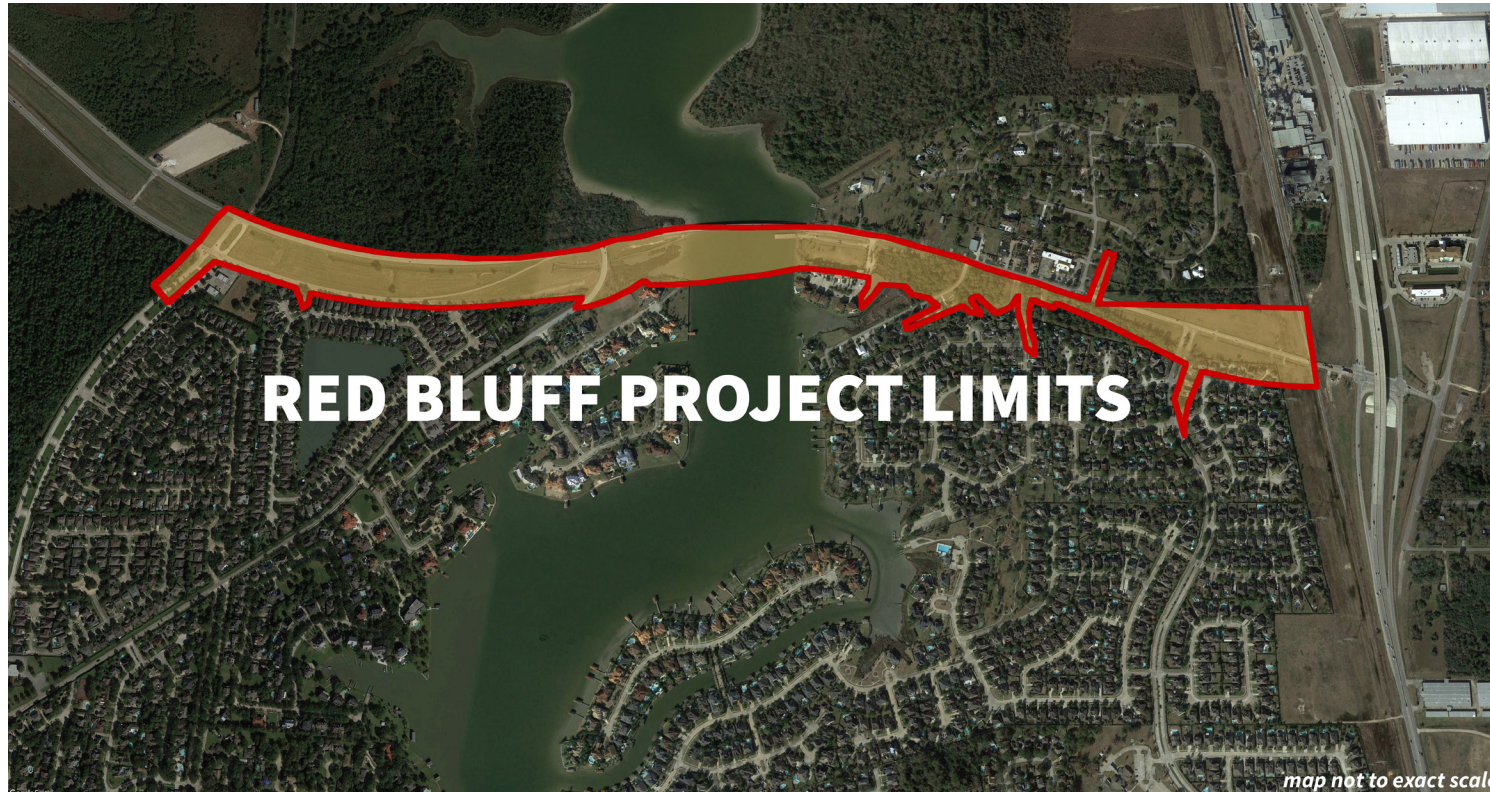
P.S. My department will be launching a newly redesigned SeabrookTX.gov very soon. In addition to our main City site, we are also developing SH146.com and SeabrookLove.com



Be sure to follow us on social media! You can find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Linked In and Nextdoor. During events we create SnapChat filters too :-)

Expanding Red Bluff

Plans to expand Red Bluff and add another bridge over Taylor Lake Village have begun. In addition, City officials hope to connect hike and bike trails east of SH 146 with Armand Bayou Trails.



THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) is expected to begin the expansion of Red Bluff Road between SH 146 to Kirby Drive by the end of 2018. The widening of this 1.5 mile track on Red Bluff will provide another hurricane evacuation route for residents.

The Red Bluff expansion will construct two eastbound traffic lanes and convert the existing roadway to a one-way westbound operation. The project will greatly improve the roadway on the existing bridge over Taylor Lake to include the addition of a new bridge parallel to the existing bridge. The existing bridge, located north of the new bridge, will be re-striped to two lanes of westbound traffic. The new bridge will include two lanes of eastbound traffic and a 10-foot wide pedestrian walkway.

TxDOT is planning to let the project in December 2018, with construction starting the first quarter of 2019. Construction will start at Kirby Blvd and will move east towards SH 146. Public Hearings for the project took place in December 2016 and TxDOT is now ready to move forward with the project. The project only requires 0.3 additional acres of right-of-way and no residents will be displaced for right-of-way acquisition.

Once the expansion is complete, the City of Seabrook hopes to connect the hike and bike trails east of SH 146 to the new pedestrian friendly access down Red Bluff, eventually connecting the Armond Bayou Trails to the Seabrook Trails.

Once the construction is complete the Houston-Galveston Area Council along with state and local jurisdictions will more than likely identify Red Bluff as an official hurricane evacuation route. The expanded roadway will also be better equipped to handle future emergencies.

TxDOT does not believe construction will impact the SH 146 Expansion which is set to begin during the last quarter of this year. SH 146 construction is slated to begin on the south side of the city and move north and four lanes of traffic will remain open throughout the highway construction period.

SEABROOK PD RECEIVES \$28,000 IN GRANT FUNDING

LIKE MANY OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, the Seabrook Police Department uses grant funds to assist in performing its public safety duties. In 2018, the Seabrook Police Department received grant funds to purchase rifle resistant ballistic vests and grant funds to upgrade facility video. Through HGAC (Houston Galveston Area Council), the department applied for and was awarded funds, distributed through the State of Texas Governor's office.

The ballistic vest grant will provide every sworn officer in the department a ballistic vest that gives added protection to the officer against higher caliber ammunition. The amount funded was \$15,200. The facility video grant will allow video upgrades throughout the police department, including their secured areas. The amount funded was \$13,000.

Chief Sean Wright believes the grant funded purchases will greatly improve the safety of his officers so they can better serve the community. The Chief understands it is a great benefit for police departments to work with HGAC to obtain grant funds, alleviating the need to use budget funds.



New Officer Recruit John Self

Sampson Says:

ADOPT. DON'T SHOP!

Follow the Seabrook Animal Shelter on Facebook for info on our current pets & find your four-legged furr-e-ver companion!



www.fb.com/seabrookanimalshelter



Waste Pickup Reminders

IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, the City of Seabrook enhanced the city’s trash and recycling services provided by Waste Management. We have appreciated everyone’s patience and understanding as we transitioned to new service days and added larger recycling carts. To ensure your service is not hindered or delayed, please be mindful of how you place your carts and large items on the curb. In addition, please be courteous and remove your cart from the curb as soon as you are able. Carts should not be left curb side for longer than 24-hours. Lastly, please ensure that you are recycling correctly.

7 am

Please have all your items curbside by 7am on your collection day.

Do not obstruct collection of carts or bulk items by parking vehicles in the vicinity.



good job!

Carts

Recycling goes into the cart with the yellow lid. Never put hazards inside carts. Always secure your cart's lid.

Place carts 2-3 feet apart and within 1-ft of the curb.



never overflow your cart!

Bulk

Bulk pickup is now once per week on your scheduled day. You are limited to **two (2) items**.

Moving boxes should be broken down & yard waste should be cut & bundled.



limit bulk to 2 items!

THREE STEPS TO "RECYCLE RIGHT"



- 1 Recycle all bottles, cans and paper
- 2 Keep items clean and dry
- 3 No plastic bags

RECYCLE OFTEN. RECYCLE RIGHT.

AT YOUR DOOR SPECIAL COLLECTION

Typical household materials that are accepted for collection:

- Paint Products
- Automotive Products
- Garden Chemicals
- Household Chemicals
- Swimming Pool Chemicals
- Electronics
- Universal Materials

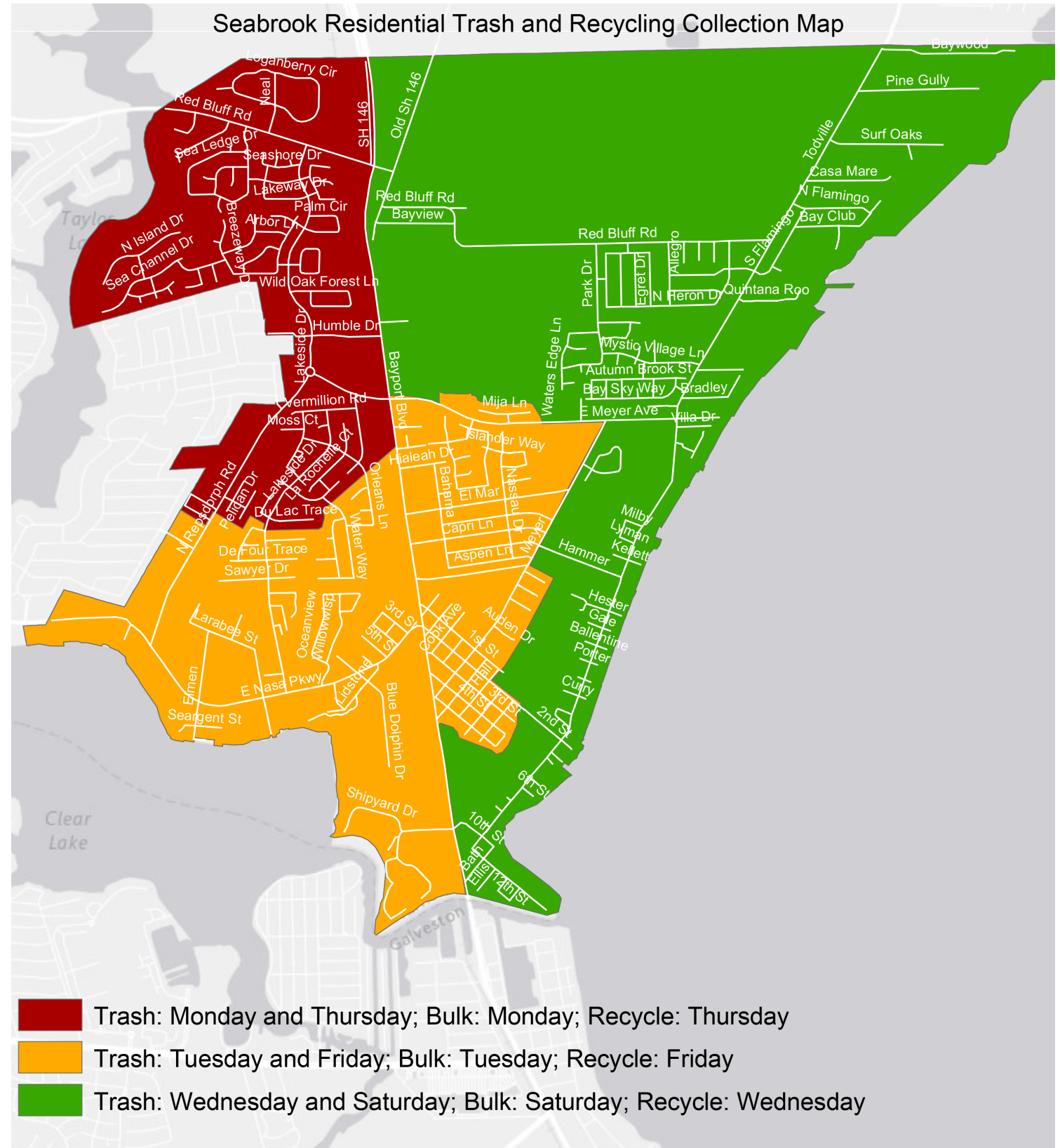
Call 1-800-449-7587 or Email AtYourDoor@WM.com

There will be no pick up on the following holidays:

THANKSGIVING DAY

CHRISTMAS DAY

NEW YEAR'S DAY

MISSED COLLECTION: Despite Waste Management’s best efforts, they occasionally miss scheduled collections, if they do, please call Waste Management directly at (800) 800-5804 as soon as you can. They will try and return on the same day to pick up your waste or recycling. If the driver has already left your area, they will pick up what was missed the following day.

City of Seabrook Contact Information

CITY HALL



(281) 291.5600

1700 1st 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 1st 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) 291.5644

1100 Red Bluff Rd
Seabrook, TX 77586

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon-Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays

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