

TO: RESIDENTS OF SEABROOK
FROM: MAYOR JACK CAMPBELL
RE: PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CITY OF SEABROOK

AHOY! THIS IS SEABROOK! Bigger and brighter than ever and looking forward to the future. I'm sure you will be as gratified as I was upon seeing a compilation of our city's achievements during 1976.

Let's start out by reporting that from a financial standpoint Seabrook enjoyed it's greatest year of growth in history with the value of building expansion totaling \$2,661,412. During the years 1971-75, a total of only 72 new homes were built, but in 1976 alone, 41 new homes were constructed and purchased. This, in addition to the construction now in progress of 35 new townhomes at Lakewood Yacht Club. Seabrook is indeed, a vigorous community.

Proof of the faith of the business community in Seabrook as an important area is evidenced by 25 firms which have either chosen to go into business here or have undergone major expansions to meet the increase in business; and by the operation of 18 eating places, many of which have expanded to insure adequate seating capacity for all of the people who now come to Seabrook for their "dining out" pleasure. Sales tax revenue collected by the city in 1976 from all city businesses increased \$28,149 in 1976 for a total of \$171,263

Physical improvements in the city include the consummation of contracts for construction of Hwy. 146 drainage, replacement of sanitary sewer lines in the lower Todville area, and the filling of ditches along Todville and Second Streets. A program to update sewer rates in a manner designed to be more equitable to residential and commercial interests alike, and to qualify the city for federal funds, was also instituted.


Charges for contracted police department services to neighboring cities were revamped to bring the cities closer to paying a fair-share portion with Seabrook of the cost of the services; and a program to use our own municipal court for prosecution of first offenders and minor crimes was initiated to enable our police officers to spend more time in the city and offer more protection to local citizens.

Civic interest heightened during 1976 with the formation of a new Heritage Society which, with the Seabrook Garden Club and the Seabrook Civic Club, participated in beautifying many parts of our city. Along these lines, a palm tree planting program got underway to make our city more attractive. The new park pavilion was dedicated in July as part of Seabrook's Bicentennial celebration and featured the city's first parade, a Boston Tea Party, street dance, shrimp boil and many other activities enjoyed by many, many people. Seabrook was also designated as the permanent site of the annual In-The-Water Boat Show after the outstanding success of the first event this summer.

Our latest and probably most progressive project is an effort to reclaim 11¹/₄ acres of sand pits for use as a fresh water recreational lake and public drinking water supply. You will be asked to vote on this project Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Seabrook City Hall and I hope you will be for it as I am.

If you've had the opportunity to visit city hall recently, you probably noticed the new "open" look of the foyer and offices. Openness and accessibility are the goals of every city official including the mayor.

On behalf of our new city officials (three new council members, municipal judge, chief of police, and tax assessor-collector,) and the city staff, may I say that we are looking "forward" in this city. I, for one, am proud to say "AHOY!, I'M FROM SEABROOK."


Jack Campbell, Mayor
Jan. 24, 1977