

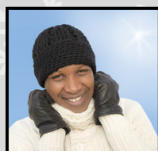


# Rosenberg TEXAS Insider

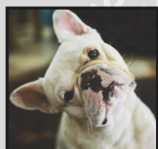
★ DECEMBER 2021/JANUARY 2022 ★

*(See Holiday Safety Section Inside)*

Winter is approaching and the freeze last year taught us just how brutal a winter storm can be. It's never too early to prepare! Rosenberg's Emergency Management Team reminds residents to follow the four "P's" of winter weather safety: **People, Pets, Plants & Pipes!**



**PEOPLE:** Keep your family warm and check on any elderly family or neighbors that may need extra blankets, help winterizing their homes or a warm place to stay. Dress in layers; gloves and hats will help prevent losing your body heat. Avoid being outdoors and outdoor activities if possible.



**PETS:** Dogs, cats and other pets get cold, too. Bring them indoors if possible. If they can't come inside, make sure they have enough shelter to keep them warm. Keep adequate food and water available. Make sure water is fresh and not frozen.



**PLANTS:** Cover delicate plants to keep them warm at night. Bring potted plants inside or store in a garage near an interior wall to provide extra warmth and protection from the cold and wind.



**PIPES:** Wrap exposed pipes to prevent freezing and breaks. Disconnect outdoor hoses, then drain and store them in a protected area. Open the kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing, but be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals out of the reach of children. Keep garage doors closed if there are water lines in the garage.

The **American Red Cross** also offers great reminders for those who might be using a space heater or a fireplace to keep warm this winter. **Remember the three feet rule.** If you are using a space heater, place it on a level, hard surface and keep anything flammable (things such as paper, clothing, bedding, curtains or rugs) at least three feet away. **Use with supervision.** Turn off space heaters before leaving the room or going to bed. If you are using a fireplace, use a glass or metal fire screen large enough to catch sparks or rolling logs. **Keep the thermostat at the same temperature day and night.** Your heating bill may be a little higher but you could avoid a more costly repair job if your pipes freeze or burst. **The kitchen is for cooking.** Never use a stove or oven to heat your home. **Use generators outside.** Never operate a generator inside the home, including in a garage. Don't hook up a generator to the home's wiring. The safest thing to do is connect the equipment you want to power directly to the outlets on the generator.

--> READ MORE SAFETY TIPS AT: [ROSENBERGTX.GOV/EMERGENCYMANAGEMENT](https://rosenbergtx.gov/emergencymanagement) <--



# OUR GOVERNMENT

The city of Rosenberg operates in a Council-Manager form of government in which the City Council sets the policy and overall direction for the City, and appoints a professional City Manager and other key officials to oversee the City's daily operations.

# CITY COUNCIL

- Mayor: Kevin Raines
- At-Large 1: Tim Krugh
- At-Large 2: Alicia Casias
- District 1: Isaac Davila
- District 2: Susan Euton
- District 3: Timothy Anders
- District 4: Marc Morales (Mayor Pro Tem)

# CITY MANAGER

John Maresh

# MEETINGS

City Council meets regularly in public session the first, third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The meeting agendas are available on the City's website. Council meetings may also be viewed live on Comcast Channel 16, rosenbergtx.gov/TV or on YouTube @RosenbergTXGov

# MISSION STATEMENT

To anticipate community needs and deliver exceptional service, and to cultivate an enhanced quality of life through leadership, innovation and cooperative partnerships.

# NUMBERS TO KNOW

- Animal Control  
↪ 832-595-3490
- Citizen Relations  
↪ 832-595-3301
- Customer Service (Utilities)  
↪ 832-595-3400
- Police Dispatch (Non-Emergency)  
↪ 832-595-3700
- Republic Services (Solid Waste)  
↪ 713-726-7300



# REMINDER: ROSENBERG CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING



The City has begun the process to redraw the City Council Single-Member District boundaries following the results of 2020 Census.

Rosenberg's new population for 2020 is estimated at 38,140, which is an increase of 24.6% from the 2010 Census, causing the need for the district boundaries to be remapped.

## IMPORTANT REDISTRICTING DATES:

- **First Public Hearing:**  
Dec. 14, 2021
- **Second Public Hearing:**  
Jan. 4, 2022
- **Latest Date to Adopt Maps:**  
Jan. 18, 2022
- **First Day to File for Place on Ballot:**  
Jan. 19, 2022
- **Last Day to File for Place on Ballot:**  
Feb. 18, 2022

For more information on the redistricting process, and to see the proposed redistricting maps, please visit the redistricting website at [rosenbergtx.gov/redistricting](http://rosenbergtx.gov/redistricting) or call Citizens Relations at 832-595-3301.

# Holiday Decorating Safety Tips

FROM ROSENBERG FIRE MARSHAL  
*Curtis Campbell*

The Rosenberg Fire Department would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays! Often as Thanksgiving wraps up, we begin to decorate for Christmas. Decorations are taken out of the attic and the tree is put up. Decorations are fun and festive, but can be dangerous if you're not careful. Did you know common causes of Christmas fires include: electrical failures or malfunctions, heat sources located too close to the tree, decorative lights and candles? Be sure to choose decorations that are flame resistant. Connect no more than three strands of lights and use clips, not nails, to hang lights so cords aren't damaged. Keep candles at least 12" from anything flammable and be sure to water live trees daily. Don't overload power strips and check to see if decorations are for indoor or outdoor use only.

*Happy Holidays!*

# \$HOP \$AFE



a message from  
**Police Chief White**

The holiday season is upon us which means it's time to go shopping! Below are a few helpful tips from Rosenberg Police to keep you safe both online and in person while you hunt for the perfect gift. Rosenberg PD is stepping up community presence, but we can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware.

The biggest problem we see during the holidays is theft - especially in vehicles. Keep your doors locked and items out of view. Keep an eye on your surroundings! Don't talk or text on your phone or carry several packages at once while walking through a parking lot which leaves you vulnerable to the possibility of being an easy target for a robbery. When online shopping, be sure to shop trusted, secure websites only. Never give anyone your credit card information through email. If you find a good deal on Craigslist, LetGo, Facebook Marketplace or similar apps, don't forget to take advantage of the "Meetup Spot" at the Rosenberg Police Department located at 2120 4th Street. This video-recorded area right in front of the police station is where you can exchange money and goods in a safe place.

*The Rosenberg Police Department wishes you a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season!*



HOLIDAY FOSTER + VOLUNTEER

*Help Needed!*



Make your holidays a little warmer by fostering a fuzzy kitten or cuddly pup this Holiday Season! Contact the shelter to see how you can become a foster or volunteer!

## ROSENBERG ANIMAL SHELTER

1207 BLUME ROAD

ROSENBERG, TEXAS 77471

832-595-3490

# RESIDENTIAL HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Christmas week trash pick-up will be on normal schedule.

**Monday, Dec. 20**  
**GREEN WASTE**

**Tuesday, Dec. 21**  
**BULKY WASTE**

**Wednesday, Dec. 22**  
**SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING**



Did you know that plain wrapping paper, tissue paper, gift boxes and greeting cards can all be recycled in your recycle bin? Bows, glittery items and ribbons should be discarded with your regular household waste. TIP: Save your gift bags and reuse them next year!

# Christmas Tree Recycling

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES MAY BE PUT OUT FOR PICK-UP ON YOUR MONDAY GREEN WASTE COLLECTION DAY. TINSEL, ORNAMENTS AND LIGHTS MUST BE REMOVED. CHRISTMAS TREES AND ALL OTHER GREEN WASTE ARE MADE INTO MULCH OR COMPOST.





# ROSENBERG DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

## FORT BEND COUNTY BREAKS GROUND ON EPICENTER PROJECT



*Pictured L-R: County Commissioner Ken DeMerchant, Mayor Kevin Raines and Commissioner Vincent Morales*

On Thursday, Nov. 11, Fort Bend County officially broke ground on the new Epicenter facility. The Epicenter is at the heart of the Fort Bend County community, featuring an “open concourse” that allows the spectator a continuous connection to the event whether seated, enjoying the food and beverage amenities or just circulating the concourse. This 10,000-seat facility will have a combination of telescopic and fixed seating for a total seating capacity of 8,500 seats and 1,500 floor seats.

The Epicenter will host a variety of events, including graduations, sports and recreation, spectator events, community/civic events, livestock/equestrian shows, festivals and fairs, and conferences. The design of the facility gave high priority to Lamar CISD who expects to utilize it for graduations, convocations, and high school sporting events.

“The Epicenter will provide a centrally located venue for sports tourism, local high school graduations and a wonderful enhancement to the Fort Bend County Fair for years to come,” said Stonehenge Holdings President Kevin Matocha.

During hurricanes, floods and extreme weather events, the Epicenter will be utilized as an operations center and post-emergency shelter. The facility will benefit the county and its residents by adding jobs to the area and driving economic development throughout Fort Bend County.

"The 53 acre tract of land upon which the facility will sit provides an opportunity for future expansion of retail, restaurants and hotels, creating an even greater positive economic impact for the City of Rosenberg and its citizens," said Matocha.

For more information on the Epicenter, visit Fort Bend County's website at [fortbendcountytx.gov](http://fortbendcountytx.gov).



*Pictured L-R: Councilor Marc Morales, Councilor Alicia Casias, Mayor Kevin Raines, Kevin Matocha (Stonehenge Holdings), Commissioner Vincent Morales, and Councilor Tim Anders*



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832-595-3301 \*ask for Communications  
**SIGN-UP FOR CITY ALERTS:**  
[rosenbergtx.gov/alerts](http://rosenbergtx.gov/alerts)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Visit [rosenbergtx.gov](http://rosenbergtx.gov) to confirm meetings & events, & to view public notices & meeting agendas.

- 12/7/2021 City Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 12/14/2021 Special City Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 12/21/2021 City Council Meeting - CANCELED
- 12/23/2021 City Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday
- 12/24/2021 City Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday
- 12/28/2021 City Council Workshop Meeting - CANCELED
- 12/31/2021 City Offices Closed for New Year's Holiday
- 1/4/2022 City Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 1/17/2022 City Offices Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- 1/18/2022 City Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 1/19/2022 First Day to File for Place on the Ballot for May 2022 City Election
- 1/25/2022 City Council Workshop Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

