

# Rosenberg TEXAS Insider

★★★ December 2019/January 2020 ★★★

*Winter is here!*

Winter is finally upon us! 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 & 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 & hats will help prevent losing your body heat. Avoid outdoor activities if possible.



**PETS:** Dogs & cats get cold too. Bring pets indoors. If they can't come inside, make sure they have enough shelter to keep them warm. Keep adequate food & water available. Make sure water is fresh & 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 & protection from the cold & wind.



**PIPES:** Wrap exposed pipes to prevent freezing & breaks. Disconnect outdoor hoses, then drain & store them in a protected area. Drip exposed faucets at a trickle to help prevent your pipes from freezing. Open the kitchen & bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing, but be sure to move any harmful cleaners & 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 & 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 & 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.



# 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: William T. Benton
- At-Large 1: Jacob E. Balderas
- At-Large 2: Kevin Raines (Mayor Pro Tem)
- District 1: Isaac Davila
- District 2: Steven M. DeGregorio
- District 3: Lisa M. Wallingford
- District 4: Richard Olson

# 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 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



# Winter Recycling



DID YOU KNOW THAT PLAIN WRAPPING PAPER, TISSUE PAPER, GIFT BOXES & GREETING CARDS CAN ALL BE RECYCLED IN YOUR RECYCLE BIN? BOWS, GLITTERY ITEMS & RIBBONS SHOULD BE DISCARDED WITH YOUR REGULAR HOUSEHOLD WASTE.

TIP: SAVE YOUR GIFT BAGS & REUSE THEM NEXT YEAR!



Live Christmas trees may be put out for pick-up on your Monday green waste collection day. Tinsel, ornaments & lights must be removed. Christmas trees & all other green waste are made into mulch or compost.

# Reminder:

On January 1, 2020, the subsidence rate on the water bill will increase \$.20 from \$2.40 to \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons. Questions? Call Customer Service at 832-595-3400.

# 10 CITY CODES TO REMEMBER

- ➔ No High Grass & Weeds (Vegetation must be less than 12 inches tall)
- ➔ No Bandit or Off-Premise Signs Allowed (including Garage Sale signs)
- ➔ No Junk Vehicles (Must have a current plate or registration, not wrecked or dismantled & be operable)
- ➔ No Working Without a Permit (Building Permits are required for most projects)
- ➔ No Occupied Recreational Vehicles (no RV or camper may be occupied within City limits for more than 7 days)
- ➔ Mobile Home Skirting (Skirting is required on Mobile Homes)
- ➔ No Solicitation (Solicitation is prohibited within the City without a proper permit)
- ➔ No Accumulations of Trash, Debris or Junk (No accumulation of refuse on property for more than 10 days unless not visible from public street)
- ➔ No Graffiti (Graffiti must be removed by property owner within 10 days)
- ➔ Exterior Maintenance (Homes must not be in disrepair; broken windows or down fences must be repaired within 10 days; Sewer issues must be addressed within 3 days)

Questions or need to report a concern? Call Citizen Relations at 832-595-3301.

# Council Corner

- City Council approved the 2020 Street Overlay Project & Sidewalk Repair Project Lists. 6.3 miles of 20 streets will be repaired as well as the sidewalks on Spruce, Greenwood & Redbud Drives.
- Ordinance No. 2019-57 was passed amending the Code of Ordinances to include the alleys or unpaved streets as responsibility of the property owner to maintain in regards to the height of grass & weeds.
- City Council approved Resolution No. R-2861 approving a tax abatement for Seatex, LLC & Resolution No. R-2862 approving a tax abatement for OCuSOFT, Inc. See back cover for details.



City Council recognized the week of November 4th as **Municipal Court Week**. Pictured are: Officer Dailey, Court Administrator Lucilo Jimenez, Judge Ross, Court Clerk Janie Castillo, Mayor Benton & Court Clerk Jessenia Morfin-Ruelas.



The **November Image Committee Awards** were presented to Layma Mendoza, Samantha Stinnett & Thomas & Mary Wilson. Pictured are L-R Jeremy Heath (Interim Director of Economic Development) Stinnett, Wilson, Mendoza, Image Committee Chairman Joyce Bartos & Mayor Benton.



# RESIDENTIAL HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP

Christmas - Dec. 25: Pick-Up Moved to Thursday, Dec. 26  
New Year's Day - Jan. 1: Pick-Up Moved to Thursday, Jan. 2



# ROSENBERG DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UPDATE: *Seatex, LLC. & OCuSOFT, Inc. Awarded Tax Abatement's for Planned Improvements*

At the November 5 City Council Meeting, the City entered into two tax abatement agreements with companies in the process of expanding within the City limits. City Council voted unanimously to approve a five-year, 50 percent abatement agreement with Seatex, LLC, & a seven-year, 70 percent abatement agreement with OCuSOFT, Inc.

In order to qualify for the abatement, Seatex's certified appraised taxable value must increase by at least \$2.5 million in Tax Year 2020. Only the increased value will qualify for the abatement. The company estimates its capital investment in building a new production facility for agricultural-based products will be about \$6 million & its taxable inventory is projected to increase by about \$4 million annually. Seatex currently employs about 100 people & is projected to create 10-15 new jobs with the expansion.

OCuSOFT's value must increase by at least \$3 million in Tax Year 2020 to qualify for the abatement. The multi-phase improvements are projected to cost more than \$27 million in construction, \$4 million in new equipment & taxable inventory is projected to increase by about \$2.5 million annually. OCuSOFT currently employs more than 150 people, & by the end of the expansion is projected to create about 100 new jobs.

*A Day to Remember*  
**WEDDING AND QUINCEAÑERA EXPO**

SATURDAY, JAN. 18, 2020      NOON - 3:00 p.m.

Photographers - Flowers - Cakes  
Accessories - and More!

**FREE TO ATTEND!**



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

12/17/2019 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting [City Hall]
12/24/2019	City Offices Closed City Council Workshop Meeting Canceled
12/25/2019	Christmas - City Offices Closed
1/1/2020	New Year's Day - City Offices Closed
1/7/2020 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting [City Hall]
1/18/2020 Noon-3 p.m.	Wedding & Quinceanera Expo [Rosenberg Civic Center]
1/20/2020	Martin Luther King Day - City Offices Closed
1/21/2020 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting [City Hall]
1/28/2020 6:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Meeting [City Hall]

