

Rosenberg Insider

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Full-Steam Ahead! Rosenberg's Year in Review

The City of Rosenberg has experienced tremendous growth and vitality in 2015, reaching milestones, making improvements, and solidifying a vision for the future.

In November, City Council approved a Comprehensive Plan outlining several areas of focus for City expansion and improvement now and through the year 2035. This living document will act as a guideline to maintain momentum for City achievements with the flexibility to prioritize and refocus when

necessary to keep the City progressing smoothly and efficiently. A link to the Comprehensive Plan is located on the website: www.cityofrosenberg.com. In addition to sculpting a vision of the future of Rosenberg, the Main Street Program reached several milestones in the renovation and rejuvenation of downtown. Celebrating its one year anniversary in January 2016, the Main Street Program played host to Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott in October.

In September, City Council voted to reduce

the property tax rate another two cents. This represents a two-cent drop from the previous rate of 49 cents and a four-cent decrease, overall, in the last three years.

"That's unheard of," Councilor William Benton remarked when the rate was approved. "No other tax entity in Fort Bend has ever done that!"

Benton challenged City staff to continue to look for ways to keep the budget lean and costs conservative in order to preserve the trend of tax savings for its citizens.

Another factor contributing to the lowered property tax rate is the increase in population contributing to greater sales tax revenue in local spending. There have been a total of 857 new housing starts in Rosenberg and its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) from October 2014 through September 2015.

As of October 1, 2015, the City's total population was conservatively estimated to be 36,633. This represents an increase of over 6,000 residents since the 2010 decennial Census.



Bonbrook Plantation, with 238 housing starts, is the fastest growing development, followed by Summer Lakes



Carton Recycling

Rosenberg now accepts cartons for recycling! The last drop of milk, juice, or soup does not mark the end of a carton's useful life. Cartons are easy to recycle and in high demand.

Simply by placing your empty cartons in the recycling bin (without the caps), you reduce the amount of trash headed to landfills and allow these waste products to be re-used to form new goods such as tissues, wall boards, or office paper.

The waxy coating on many of the cartons above is actually a thin layer of polyethylene (plastic) and is not difficult to recycle. After cartons are collected curbside, they are taken to a materials recycling facility to be sorted and baled. The bales are then shipped to paper mills where cartons are mixed with water in a large blender to extract all the paper fiber from the plastic and aluminum. The paper fiber is then ready to be used in making new products.

For more information, please visit www.RecycleCartons.com.

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Rosenberg Citizen Survey

 Don't forget to watch the mail starting **January 8, 2016**, to find out if your household was randomly selected to take part in the Citizen Survey. Answers to survey questions will be analyzed and broken down into statistical data that will be used to prioritize City improvements and renovations. For more information visit the City website at www.cityofrosenberg.com.



First Lady of Texas Helps Launch Main Street Program

Last October, Last October, Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott visited Rosenberg to formally initiate Rosenberg's Main Street Program and to Welcome Rosenberg to the family of Texas Main Street Cities. The Main Street Program is a downtown improvement program being undertaken in partnership between Rosenberg and the Texas Historical Commission.

Mrs. Abbott launched the new Program during an open air ceremony at the new 3rd Street Art Park. Main Street Stakeholders, including merchants, property owners, and the City of

Rosenberg, have been doing their part by getting the program organized. They formed a Main Street Advisory Board and standing committees, hired a Main Street Manager, and established several new projects and programs designed to support downtown revitalization. It is clear that downtown Rosenberg is well on its way toward a future of steady and consistent improvement."



Under Construction

With the initial phase of construction complete, Rosenberg's first large-scale business park is recruiting tenants.

The Rosenberg Business Park is a 184-acre, deed restricted business park located on FM 2218, less than a half mile from Interstate 69. It is the product of a public/private partnership between the Rosenberg Development Corporation (RDC), the City of Rosenberg, and Fuller Realty Partners.

Phase One of the development includes the construction of roads, water lines, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, gas, electric improvements, and drainage enhancements. Completed in November, the phase one infrastructure provides access to nearly 100 acres of property in the Rosenberg Business Park

Fuller Realty Partners recently facilitated the closing for the first tenant in the Rosenberg Business Park, Croft Production Systems. The company purchased 5.5 acres in the Business Park where they will build a facility that specializes in the manufacturing of natural gas processing equipment. Croft Production Systems was named one of the Greater Houston's fastest growing companies by the Houston Business Journal in 2014.

Future plans for the Rosenberg Business Park include the extension of utilities to serve phase two of the project. Phase two will begin once a minimum of fifty percent of development has occurred in the park.

Fuller Realty Partners is a privately owned, full service commercial real estate firm headquartered in Houston.

For more information, contact Randall Malik, Director of Economic Development for the City of Rosenberg, at (832) 595-3339, or Bill Smith, President of Fuller Realty Partners at (713) 850-8400.

Rosenberg Christmas Nights Rewind

Thanks to everyone for coming out and making Rosenberg Christmas Nights 2015 an event to remember!



Lieutenant Cody Dailey and Investigator Tim Kraus meet the Big Guy!

CHECK IT OUT...

Visit www.cityofrosenberg.com for a gallery of pictures from recent events. Go to "Connect" on the homepage.

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Rosenberg Wants You!

Apply for a place on the May 7th ballot

Rosenberg City Council Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be on the ballot for the Saturday, May 7, 2016 election. Qualified residents that live in one of those districts can file an application for a place on the ballot between January 20, 2016, and February 19, 2016, with the City Secretary. The form to file for office will be on the City of Rosenberg's website at: www.ci.rosenberg.tx.us.

The qualifications to file a District position are:

- Be a United States citizen
- Be a resident of the State of Texas for the previous twelve (12) months
- Be a resident of the City of Rosenberg for six (6) months
- Live currently, and for at least six months, in the Council District you are applying
- Be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term of office
- You must not have been previously determined mentally incompetent by judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction
- You must not be convicted of a felony for which a pardon has not been given
- You must not be in arrears for any City taxes or money owed to the City

The Rosenberg Regular City Council Meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Workshop meetings are held monthly on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. This is a two year term of office beginning in June 2016.

December Image Awards

Landscaping
Excellence:

Marcus and Rebecca Gracia
923 Gulf Court

Carlos Leon and Cynthia Rincon
1531 Kent Valley Lane

Frank and Grace Salinas
1406 Brooks Avenue

Tom Herfort
2419 Chestnut Drive



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1/19/2016 City Council Meeting Rosenberg City Hall
7:00 p.m.

1/26/2016 City Council Workshop Rosenberg City Hall
6:00 p.m.

2/2/2016 City Council Meeting Rosenberg City Hall
7:00 p.m.





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Make way for spring events
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Eagle Scouts Keeping Rosenberg Beautiful

It takes years of dedication, hard work, and commitment to achieve the highest possible rank in Boy Scouting: The Eagle Scout. Only around 7% of scouts actually reach this level, and it often takes years of serving in

leadership roles, earning merit badges, and progressing through the scout ranks. Lucky for Rosenberg, several hopeful candidates have chosen projects to enhance and beautify our community. Matthew Banse and Dylan

Cooper of Troops #1656 and #1000 are two of the scouts working their way to the rank of Eagle Scout and serving Rosenberg with their creativity, leadership, and hardwork, resulting in something the entire community can enjoy.



Dylan Cooper: Troop #1000
Composter for Seabourne Creek

17, Troop #1000
Seabourne Creek

Matthew Banse:
Edible Arbor

Matthew Banse: Troop #1656
Edible Arbor Trail

Dylan Cooper

Dylan Cooper's vision was to build a composter to be used at Seabourne Creek Nature Park. Composting creates nutrient-rich material that is used to nourish the soil. This will allow the Texas Master Naturalists to compost natural material that would otherwise go into a landfill.

New Composter: Cooper installed his project at Seabourne Creek Nature Park for use by the Texas Master Naturalists.

Edible Arbor Trail: Banse finished planting 15 trees on December 20, 2015, in Brazos Park along a walking trail for public enjoyment.

Matthew James Banse

Matthew James Banse has been a scout for 11 years. In preparation for his Eagle Scout project, he created an edible arbor trail at Brazos Park. This recreational trail will feature a variety of fruit trees and plants for residents to pick for free once the trees grow to maturity.

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Don't Forget!
Take down holiday decorations!

LOOKS LIKE GARFIELD'S LEAVING HIS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS UP ALL YEAR AGAIN.

Save the Date for Rosenberg's Annual Egg Hunt



Plans are underway for Rosenberg's annual Easter Egg Hunt at Seabourne Creek Nature Park. Save the date: March 19, 2016, for family fun for all ages. The egg hunt is divided by age groups, allowing kids ages 4 and under, 5-8, and 9-12 to search for over 6,000 eggs. Meet the Easter Bunny and win prizes at the raffle. Check the website: www.CityofRosenberg.com for updates.



14th FISH-tastic Annual

FISH-tastic is an annual fishing tournament for boys and girls ages 4-14. Prizes for biggest catch or most fish snagged will be available for three age divisions. Come out to Seabourne Creek Nature Park to register at 8:00 a.m., on Saturday, February 20, 2016, and fish until 11:00 a.m.

Thanks to the support of David's Tackle Box and the Coastal Prairie Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists, this is the fourteenth year for the event. See the website: www.CityofRosenberg.com for more details.



Who is the RDC?

The Rosenberg Development Corporation (RDC) was created by election in 1995. It is a Type-B economic development corporation funded by a one-half cent sales tax. State law authorizes the RDC to engage in projects related to primary job creation. Primary jobs are jobs that infuse new dollars into the local economy by creating or selling a product or service that is ultimately exported to regional, state, national, or international markets. The RDC is comprised of a seven-director board. Four of the members, including all officers, are appointed by the Rosenberg City Council, and the remaining three members are City Councilors.

The RDC has many current projects that continue the City's positive trend of economic growth. In 2013, the RDC recruited ALDI, Inc. to build their

headquarters and distribution center in Rosenberg. ALDI is investing more than \$60 million into the local economy and creating over a hundred jobs. ALDI will be hiring warehouse staff in the summer of 2016.

Pictured above; Construction is already underway on the Rosenberg campus of Texas State Technical College. RDC is investing \$2.5 million over the course of ten years to back the project.

The RDC recently committed \$2.5 million over the course of ten years to facilitate construction of a 5,000 student Texas State Technical College campus in Rosenberg, a project that will strengthen the local workforce significantly.

Near the intersection of I-69 and FM 2218, the first deed-restricted business park is already under construction in partnership with Fuller Realty and the

City of Rosenberg.

The RDC is also currently working with Paragon Outlets to bring a destination outlet mall to Rosenberg at the intersection of I-69 and Reading Road. The 300,000 square foot outlet mall is scheduled to open in 2017.

To learn more about the RDC, visit: <http://www.rosenbergcodev.com>.

Image Awards

December Decorating Winners

Tony and Diana DeLeon
3808 Avenue R

Glenda Reyes
1126 Cotton Gum Lane

Bill and Maggie Ryder
2002 Franklin Circle

Juan and Sylvia Tejada
2015 Ward Street

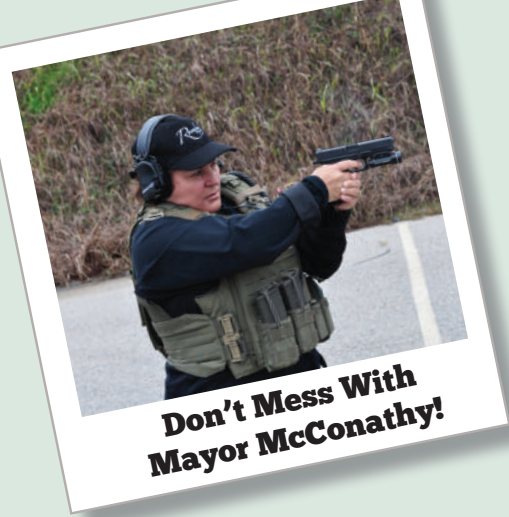


Speaking of Composting...

John Ferguson, organic garden guru and founder/owner of *Nature's Way Resources*, will be the guest speaker at the March monthly meeting of the Coastal Prairie Chapter - Texas Master Naturalists. He will present tips on how to keep your garden safe from toxic chemicals. With a Master of Science degree, Ferguson is a licensed Soil Scientist with numerous horticulture and environmental awards. He was also featured in *Better Homes and Gardens Magazine*.

The Texas Master Naturalists invite everyone to attend the talk on Thursday, March 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bud O'Shieles Community Center.





Don't Mess With Mayor McConathy!

Mayor Cynthia A. McConathy met with the eight Chinese cadets that were part of an exchange program between the Rosenberg Police Department and the Zhejiang Police College.

The Mayor took a hands-on approach and participated in some of the training and drills that the cadets went through to earn their degrees. From council room heels to full-scale field gear, the Mayor got out and showed everyone how it's done!

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RPD Welcomes Chinese Cadets

In mid-January, the Rosenberg Police Department hosted eight cadets from the Zhejiang Police College in China. The program offers the chance to share ideas on police practices.

The program was initiated seven years ago through Sam Houston State University's College of Criminal Justice. Only 1,000 of of the applicants (around 5,000 total) are

selected to participate in the program, which will afford them dual degrees from both the Zhejiang Police College and Sam Houston State University.

Cadets stay with a host family from the police department and experience American culture for five days during their visit.

While in Rosenberg, cadets experienced real-life training with RPD and City officials.



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2/16/2016 7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	City Hall Council Chamber
2/20/2016 8:00 a.m.	FISH-tastic	Seabourne Creek Nature Park
2/23/2016 6:00pm	City Council Meeting and Workshop	City Hall Council Chamber
3/1/2016 7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	City Hall Council Chamber
3/15/2016 7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	City Hall Council Chamber
3/19/2016	Easter Egg Hunt	Seabourne Creek Nature Park





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Who are the Police Explorers?
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April: for the Animals

April is National Animal Cruelty Prevention Month

The month of April is Animal Cruelty Prevention Month. The City of Rosenberg, Fort Bend County, and the Houston SPCA work in partnership to protect animals from cruelty, abuse, and neglect. These organizations count on volunteers and citizens to help animals in need find sanctuary.

If you are reporting an animal that may be the victim of cruelty, there are things you can do to help out the agents assigned to investigate the case. First of all, never take matters into your own hands. Do not attempt to apprehend the

animal or remove it from someone else's property. Instead, contact your local shelter. Within Rosenberg City limits, call (832) 595-3490. Outside the City limits, call (281) 342-1512.

The shelter will follow up on your request. If you have any photos to support your claim, it may help the shelter or SPCA to build a case.

Even though a dog chained outside or left in the heat may be the first thing that comes to mind when you think of animal cruelty, livestock can be victims as well, and can be reported by calling the Fort Bend County Sheriff's non-

emergency line at (281) 341-4665.

"If you feel it could be cruelty, please report it," Director of Fort Bend County Animal Services, Rene Vasquez said. "Let us find out if it is or isn't."

Volunteering is another wonderful way to help out our furry friends. The Rosenberg Animal Shelter and Fort Bend County Animals Services often accept volunteers and donations.

"We all have the same goal, getting animals into homes," Renee McNally of the Rosenberg Animal Shelter said.

The Rosenberg Animal Shelter has adoption events coming up in March and April. Call (832) 595-3490 to find out more information, on how to volunteer your time, donate food, toys, or blankets to help the animals in need. Everyone can do their part to prevent cruelty.

Pets of Rosenberg!



"Jake"

on cover: "Remy"
Renee LeLaurin,
Agenda Coordinator

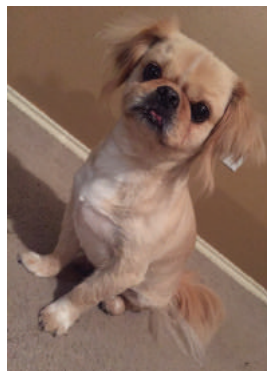


"Bach"

Anne Stark,
Assistant City Secretary

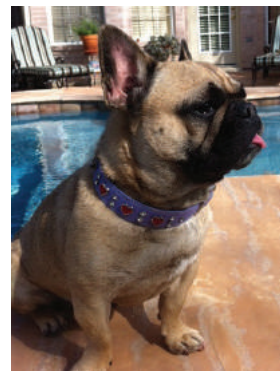


"Maya" and "Midas"
Jenny Pavlovich,
Communications Manager



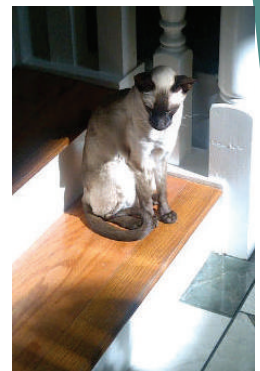
"Kobe"

Deborah Almazan,
Citizen Relations
Coordinator



"Tudi"

Lori Dresner
Financial Analyst



"Zen"

Carolyn Kagy,
Rosenberg
Civic Center Manager

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Housing Development By the Numbers

Fourth Quarter, 2015:

Estimated Population: 36,861

Housing Starts: 143 / 818 YTD

City - 53.1% / ETJ - 46.9%

Lots Platted: 108 / 547 YTD



Police Explorers The Future of Rosenberg, in Training with RPD

They're out there cleaning up the roads, mowing the lawns at churches, passing out flyers for City Council, and volunteering wherever they are needed. These everyday heroes are part of the Rosenberg Police Explorers Program and they dedicate their free time to bettering our community while learning teamwork, social skills, and character development. The goal to protect, to serve, and to better the community is a familiar one to the Rosenberg Police Department, who sponsors the program, recognizing that many of these young leaders desire a career in law enforcement.

"The Explorers really give back to the community," Sergeant Billy Hammack, advisor and officer at the Rosenberg PD said. "There's so much they do to help

out, serving at events, assisting residents, and even participating in highway beautification. They have a two mile section of highway on FM 2218 that they clean and take care of. They train like

“
They train like officers and even do ride-alongs.”

~Sergeant Billy Hammack

officers and even do ride-alongs—if they are at least 18 years old. The Explorers work so closely with our officers they're like family. It's really like a brotherhood.”

Some of the Explorers have a desire to be in law enforcement, but others just enjoy being part of such a respected group. Rosenberg

Police Explorers learn confidence, discipline, and guidance. The skills they learn while working with this group help them develop a future and build relationships with others who strive to keep their City a safe and beautiful place to live.

Check out www.cityofrosenberg.com for more information on how to become a Police Explorer.

Big Day? Big Event? Big Space!

As wedding season, graduation season, and just plain ol' barbecue season get closer, you may be wondering where to host your next big event. Did you know that the Rosenberg Civic Center rents a variety of rooms for business and social functions? People book the Civic Center for business lunches, wedding receptions, showers, graduations, and even retirement parties. Available for public and private events, the Civic Center has 16,000 square feet of space including a 5,900 square foot main hall. Everything you need to host your next event is right here in town and for an affordable rate.

The Rosenberg Civic Center is located at 3825 Highway 36 South, and adjacent to Seabourne Creek Nature Park. The facility is open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

For more information on how to book your next event at the Rosenberg Civic Center, call (832) 595-3520 or log on to the Rosenberg Civic Center website.

www.RosenbergCivicCenter.com



Make Way for Aldi

Fort Bend County is one of the fastest growing counties in the United States, and Rosenberg is no exception. One of the largest developments nearing completion is the Aldi Distribution Center and regional headquarters, located on US-90A. The 650,000 square foot facility is one of Aldi's largest buildings in the U.S. and will bring over a hundred new jobs to Rosenberg.

Aldi is a low-cost grocery chain that, like Rosenberg, is experiencing rapid expansion. Based in Batavia, Illinois, Aldi is opening 650 new stores as part of a 5-year development plan, and Rosenberg will be home to their second distribution center.

"Some of the driving factors for why we chose Rosenberg included the ten year tax abatement, the great land value that we were able to achieve, the access to

major highways so we can get products to our stores throughout the Houston market and San Antonio, [and] the opportunity to have great schools, a great work environment, and a great living environment for all our employees that will be working in Rosenberg," Karla Waddleton, Vice President of Aldi, Rosenberg Division said.

In addition to the new job opportunities, the Aldi facility is anticipated to house \$20 million in taxable inventory and be a major stepping stone in opening up the Houston market for Aldi stores as they become a nationwide chain servicing 32 states. The project could become a catalyst for future growth in the Triple Fork industrial area, which features vast tracts of undeveloped land between Spur 529, Highway 90A, and State Highway 36. The convergence of three major rail lines in the area, the easy access to major highways, and the proximity to deep-water Port Freeport make the Triple Fork area ideal for manufacturing and distribution. The future is bright and the City is excited to welcome Aldi to the community.



Volunteer in Rosenberg

Apply online!

Never underestimate your ability to do something that can make a difference—by volunteering! Here at the City of Rosenberg, we strive to provide volunteer opportunities designed to benefit both the volunteer and the City. Apply online today at: www.cityofrosenberg.com.



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Monthly Bird Walk at Nature Park

The Coastal Prairie Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists is an organization of trained volunteers, whose goal is to inspire children and adults to a new appreciation of their environment, and to ensure that others will be able to enjoy natural Texas for years to come.

Each month, on the first Wednesday of the month (November through May), birders from the Coastal Prairie Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists conduct Bird Hikes through Seabourne Creek Nature Park. The free hike is open to the public and birders of all skill levels are welcome. Hikers are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing and footwear and to bring their own binoculars.

The Bird Hikes are especially exciting during the fall and spring migration times. Unusual or rare bird sightings,

such as a Green Kingfisher, a Western Tanager, and an American Avocet are documented and reported to e-Bird at Cornell University, and a bird list for the park is maintained and updated each month following the hike.

In addition to the monthly Bird Hikes, the volunteer efforts of the Chapter at Seabourne Creek Nature Park have resulted in the development of an extensive Butterfly Garden, a new Wetlands, a Prairie Demo Garden, stocking the 4-acre lake with indigenous fish, a Bird Sanctuary, and the annual Prairie Heritage Festival. The Chapter's volunteer activities also include outreach efforts with schools and Scout troops.

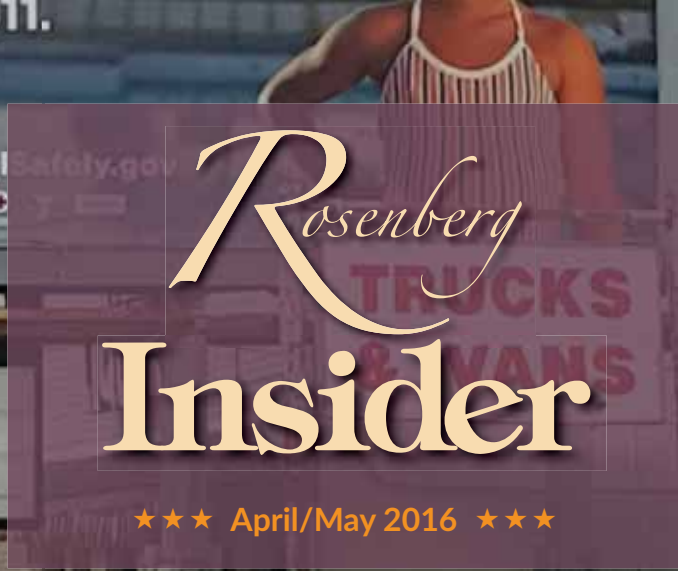
For more information on the Texas Master Naturalist program, or the monthly Bird Hikes, call 281-633-7033 or visit www.txmn.org/coastal.

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3/15/2016	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
3/19/2016	Easter Egg-Hunt	3:00 p.m.
3/22/2016	City Council Meeting Special Workshop	6:00 p.m.
4/5/2016	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
4/19/2016	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
4/26/2016	City Council Meeting Special Workshop	6:00 p.m.





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US90A, one of the proposed roads for sign removal project with ClearChannel

Signs, Signs, Everywhere Signs Digital Billboard Agreement Eliminates 21 Signs

Rosenberg City Council approved a digital billboard conversion agreement with Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc., on February 16, 2016. The agreement will result in removal of off-premises sign facings along Avenue H, Avenue I, Highway 36, Houston Street, Spur 529, and 3rd Street in exchange for a digital sign to be located at 26205 Southwest Freeway.

The installation of a digital board will eliminate 21 traditional signs, resulting in 4,104 square feet of removal along specified roads, addressing visual blight along those corridors, and opening up the possibility to better communicate City public service messages or emergency notifications.

Prior to installation of the digital signage, the signs must be removed from the specified areas within 180 days. Clear Channel representative Lee Vela is hoping to have the signs removed as of late May or early June, depending on TxDot's permitting process.

The new digital billboard will have a standard 8-spot rotation allowing signs within the City limit and extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) to be removed

at a 3:1 ratio. This is in addition to signs that are already slated to be removed as part of road-widening projects (such as Interstate 69). The base of the new sign will be constructed of either brick or stone in order to facilitate more aesthetic development along roadsides.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, digital signage does not pose an unsafe distraction to drivers. Fewer signs will alleviate visual clutter.



Slow Down!

Speed humps and radar signs have been installed in several areas to mitigate safety concerns. Drive carefully, Rosenberg!

Speed Humps:

- Sally Anne Dr between US90A and Lane Dr
- Bernard Ave between Bamore Rd and West St
- Longhorn Dr between Airport Ave and Turtle Creek Dr
- Reinhard St between Bamore Rd and Ruby St

Radar Signs:

- Mahlmann St: speed limit 30
- Grunwald Heights Blvd: speed limit 30
- Callendar St: speed limit 25
- Jones St: speed limit 20
- Avenue N: speed limit 30
- Bamore Rd: speed limit 30
- Brooks Ave: speed limit 30
- Lane Dr: speed limit 30
- Mons Ave: speed limit 30
- Sally Anne Dr: speed limit 25

Coming Soon...

- Frances Dr: speed limit 30
- Louise St: speed limit 30

Check the City's website at www.cityofrosenberg.com if you are interested in applying for a volunteer Committee position at the City. Applications must be complete by **May 6, 2016**. For questions call (832) 595-3340.

**Calling for
Committee Volunteers**

Why Not Take the Bus?

The Rosenberg Development Corporation signed an interlocal agreement with the City of Richmond and Fort Bend County to create a three-point deviation service route throughout Richmond and Rosenberg. This adds fixed routes on top of the demand-response service, already in place. Since the first journey in July of 2015, we've already had over three thousand riders. To schedule on-demand service, you may call Fort Bend County Transit at (866) 751-8747 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Trip fares are \$1.00 per person each way. In addition, three routes have been established for easy travel between popular Rosenberg and Richmond locations. Interested in knowing how much you could save by taking public transportation? Visit: <http://www.publictransportation.org/tools/fuelsavings/Pages/default.aspx>

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Purple Route

1. Fiesta
2. 4th St. @ Ave G
3. City Hall
4. Fairgrounds Park and Ride
5. Bud O'Shieles Community Center

Green Route

1. Catholic Charities
2. Oak Bend Medical Center
3. Fiesta
4. Avenue G @ 4th Street
5. 3rd Street @ Avenue D

Blue Route

1. Catholic Charities
2. Richmond City Hall
3. Family Health Center/ Access Health
4. Fort Bend County Justice Center
5. Richmond Walmart
6. Target at (Brazos Town Center)



Image Beautification Awards

Renovation

Fort Bend Kia
Virgil Skinner
26633 Southwest Freeway



Landscaping

Rich and Amanda Uvalle
1330 Brooks Avenue
Frank and Fancisca Garcia
1018 Vera Cruz Drive

NEXTDOOR:



Download the app to connect with your neighbors and Rosenberg PD.

It's a neighborhood watch, right on your phone.

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Town Hall Gatherings in April Councilor Peña and Mayor Pro Tem Barta to Host Event

City Council representatives Amanda Barta and Jimmie Peña will be hosting town hall events for citizens to come out and hear speakers on a variety of topics and to participate in meet-and-greets. Councilor Barta will host her town hall at 2625 Truman Circle (in the Cambridge Village subdivision) on Saturday, April 23rd from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

"It will be like a neighborhood gathering," Barta said. "People can come out and meet the police and firefighters and I'll be there to answer questions. I encourage people to bring their questions!"

Councilor Peña will host a town hall on Wednesday, April 27th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Rosenberg Civic Center.

Keynote speakers will touch on several subjects that impact the City. Those in attendance will include Commissioner Morrison, City staff, Republic Waste Services, CenterPoint, ClearChannel Outdoor and Fort Bend Transit.

"The town hall really is for the citizens so that they can come out and get involved. Staying informed is the best way to affect positive change," Councilor Peña said. "This is also a good opportunity to get facetime with myself and with the City service providers who will be represented."

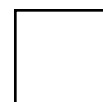
The Rosenberg Civic Center is located at 3825 Hwy 36 S. in Rosenberg. For more information, contact Communications at (832) 595-3526.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

City Council meets on most Tuesdays to vote on the issues that matter to you. Make sure your voice is heard by regularly logging on to the website and clicking the "Take Surveys Now" link under the "news" heading. Your comments and answers to a few short questions will be reviewed each week before the official vote. Make a difference by visiting www.cityofrosenberg.com.



yes



no

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| 4/23/2016
7:00pm | Councilor Barta
Town Hall Meeting | Cambridge Village Subdivision
2625 Truman Circle |
| 4/26/2016
6:00pm | City Council Meeting
and Workshop | Rosenberg City Hall |
| 4/27/2016
6:00pm | Councilor Peña
Town Hall Meeting | Rosenberg Civic Center |
| 4/30/2016 | Pitch, Hit, and Run | Seabourne Creek Regional
Sports Complex |





Rosenberg Insider

★★★ May/June 2016 ★★★

Superior Tank expands business in Rosenberg story on page 3

Rosenberg Fire Administration Makes Move to New Building

The Rosenberg Fire Department Administration staff moved to a new building at 4336 Highway 36 South on Monday, March 28.

The move will allow the fire department to house administrative staff under one roof, as opposed to previously being located at three different facilities where it was often difficult to coordinate daily operations. In addition to increasing productivity, the new location will afford the opportunity to

provide another emergency response vehicle in the future, as staffing and apparatus availability permit. Overall, the department will be saving money with the move, even after the Council allotted \$88,000 for repairs and furniture costs. The new building is leased to the City from Fort Bend County for only a dollar a year for four years, resulting in tremendous savings for the City.

“It is much easier to have all of our administrative staff under one roof,” Fire Chief, Wade Goates said. “Having

everyone in the same building has really helped streamline processes.”

The department is officially moved in and has begun work for the offices of Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Senior Administrative Specialist, Administrative Technician, Professional Standards Battalion Chief, Fire Marshal,

Fire Inspectors, and Fire Operations Battalion Chief. When staffing allows, the building will also house emergency response personnel.

“We are very excited to have this opportunity to bring Fire Administration under one roof,” Goates said. “Planning for the emergency response from this location will go a long way in staying ahead of the curve as the City continues to grow.”



(Left to Right) Tyler Jett, Bradley Ryder, Battalion Chief Daryl Maretka and Battalion Chief Justin White

Photo: REX; The Telegraph



ORDINANCE UPDATE!

Itinerant Vendors

“Is the ordinance good enough?” Councilor Amanda Barta asked at the February 23, 2016 City Council meeting, prompting a review of the Itinerant Vendor and Solicitation ordinance.

Barta wants citizens to know their rights when it comes to solicitors in their neighborhoods, citing safety as the reason for review.

“The police department doesn’t have the authority to enforce the HOA rules and regulations. We go by the City Ordinance,” Police Chief, Dallis Warren clarified. “The ordinance does have some provisions in it for whenever someone is engaging in home solicitations, they are required to get a permit from the City. The City then issues them an ID that they can carry. That is key to our enforcement efforts.”

The ordinance was amended to include updated solicitation hours of 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Details are online at:

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Erazo Visits China with RPD Exchange

Hey Rosenberg,

My visit to China was an amazing and unforgettable experience. It was truly an honor to represent the Rosenberg Police Department as part of the 2016 Delegation of Professional Police Exchange. The visit began with a tour of the Zhejiang Police College in Hangzhou, China. We attended lectures that provided us with an overview of the current situation in China and the Chinese Police Systems. We participated in round table discussions with administrators and leaders to exchange ideas, knowledge, and best practices in law enforcement. We visited beautiful scenic places like West Lake and the Tea Museum. We toured a Drug Rehabilitation Center, a Juvenile Detention Center, and the Liandu Public Security Department. Through the interactions with the Chinese officials, I learned a lot about Chinese culture and their philosophies on law enforcement. One major difference that I observed between policing in China and policing in America is the use of firearms. Chinese police officers do not generally carry guns, in fact, only those police officers that belong to the armed police division or specialized units carry firearms. This is due to China having some of the strictest gun laws in the world. With very few guns on the street, the most common weapon used by criminals are knives or other sharp objects.

Detective Suni Erazo



Detective Erazo Visited China from March 17 -26, 2016



ROSENBERG DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

RDC NEWS

Superior Tank Expands Growing Facility Chooses Bamore Industrial Area for 54,000 Square Foot Expansion Project

Superior Tank Co., Inc., broke ground on its Rosenberg expansion project, which represents approximately a \$4.7 million investment in the Rosenberg economy, and includes extending the existing 8,000 square foot facility to 54,000 square feet on 6.49 acres. This facility will be dedicated to the production of bolted steel and welded steel storage tanks. James Marquez owns the international company and expects the growth to help the local economy in the near future.

He says the new facility should open this summer and will bring 150 jobs to the area. "There will be a big impact to the state, an impact to the city, and we're looking into further expansion." Marquez said.

Superior Tank Co., Inc., manufactures and installs a variety of storage tanks and component parts for more information, visit them online at www.superiortank.com

Above Photo: Superior Tank Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony



BUILDING SAFETY MONTH MAY

May is Building Safety Month! Special **Thanks** to our Code Enforcement Team for working hard to keep us safe!

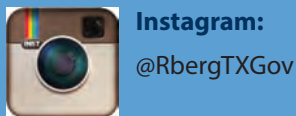
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Code Compliance Supervisor
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Code Compliance Inspector
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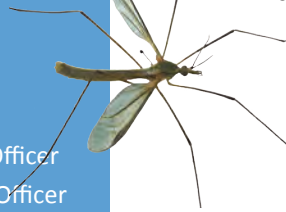
Public Welcome For Reception and Swearing in Ceremonies

The new Council year is about to begin and Councilors from Districts 1-4 are will take the Oath of Office on June 7, 2016, at City Hall. The Mayor will be swearing in Councilors Jimmie J. Peña, Susan Euton, Alice

Jozwiak, and Lynn Moses at 7:00 p.m. Councilor Lisa Wallingford will have a going away reception on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, from 6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m., at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Mosquito

Melancholy



They're back! The mosquitoes are in full force. Rosenberg is fighting back by spraying each week on Wednesday evenings within City Limits.

The City has a limited number of larvicide dunks available to residents at no cost in order to treat areas with standing water. Contact Rosenberg City Hall at (832) 595-3301 for more information.

Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website or the TX Department of State Health Services for additional information on the prevention of mosquito-borne illnesses. For information regarding the City's mosquito spraying, call 832-595-3301.

Do I Have Zika?!

Zika has **not** been transmitted by mosquitoes to humans in Texas, but it *is* a mosquito transmitted disease. Follow the 4Ds to protect yourself from mosquito-transmitted illness. For more: <http://preventzika.org>.

Remember The 4 Ds

DRAIN any standing water in your yard – Mosquitoes love to breed in stagnant water. This includes pools, broken flower pots or other open containers, clogged rain gutters, and bird baths.

DRESS in long sleeves and pants if you are outside and mosquitoes are active. For extra protection, spray clothing and exposed body areas with repellent.

DUSK/DAWN is when mosquitoes are most active. Try your best to stay indoors! If going out, use repellent.

DEET is an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent. Other acceptable choices contain Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus or Picaridin. Also consider using appropriate sprays for your yard. Always wear repellent when you are outside and follow label instructions; do not allow children to apply their own repellent.

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| 5/14/2016- | Spring Arts Festival | Main Street Activities |
| 5/15/2016 | | Downtown, Rosenberg |
| 5/17/2016 | City Council Meeting | City Hall |
| | | 7:00 p.m. |
| 5/17/2016 | Reception for Lisa Wallingford | 6:30 p.m. |
| | | City Hall Council Chamber |
| 5/24/2016 | City Council Special Workshop | 6:00 p.m. |
| | | City Hall Council Chamber |
| 6/7/2016 | City Council Oaths of Office | 7:00 p.m. |
| | | City Hall Council Chamber |



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★★★ June/July 2016 ★★★

Summer Chalk Photo by Jasmine Bowens,
Sr. Admin Specialist, Economic Development

It's time for Park Weather

Don't waste your summer vacation sitting at home in front of the TV! Rosenberg parks have everything you need to stay active, enjoy nature, and have a blast!

Brazos Park: 11.26 acres of tree-shaded green space with picnic tables, barbecue grills, basketball court, and playground equipment, located at 320 Houston Street.

Harwood Park: Located at 1005 Frances Drive, this park has a covered picnic shelter and playground.

Marcario Garcia Park: A lighted basketball court, covered pavilions, and barbecue grills at 716 Blume Road.

Riverbend Park: Grab a bat and head to the baseball field at 2601 Avenue A.

Seabourne Creek Nature Park: 164 acres with walking, jogging, and bike trails. Wetlands, a butterfly garden, and stocked lake bring you closer to nature. Located at 3831 Highway 36 South near the Civic Center.

Seabourne Creek Sports Complex: Boasting baseball fields, soccer/football fields, and a large playground at 3701 Fountains Drive.

Sunset Park: Located at 2017 Mulcahy Street, large pavilions, sand volleyball, trails, two tennis courts, a basketball court, softball fields, grills, and playground equipment means something for everyone.

Tony Becerra Park: at 2000 Avenue A, five acres of park with a basketball court, picnic tables, grills, playground, and pavilion.

Travis Park: Two basketball courts, softball fields, playground equipment, grills, pavilions, and walking/jogging trails are located at 3004 Avenue N.

Want to know more?
Call us!
(832)595-3520

What to Bring!

1. Proper footwear for exploring nature trails or running the bases on our baseball fields.
2. Sunglasses to protect your eyes from the sun.
3. And while you're at it... bring some sunscreen or a hat, and bug spray!
4. Stay hydrated! You can bring non-alcoholic beverages to the park!
5. Bring your brand of fun but leave the pets and drones at home!



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Photo by
Doug Gorka, Public Works Supervisor

Pothole Perfection

Potholes are one of the top causes of automobile and fatal motorcycle accidents according to many car insurance companies. With the extreme expense of repairing roads, potholes are a major concern. That is why Rosenberg has purchased a new pothole patching truck that is capable of making effective, permanent repairs. The machine transports hot, pre-mixed material and road oils at controlled temperatures as well as all the equipment crews need to make a clean, uniform repair.

"Typically, we can address citizen concerns in the same week," Rigo Calzoncin, Director of Public Works said, noting that weather is a factor. "Rosenberg residents can call Citizen Relations and give them the location of a pothole, and we will go out and repair it." For pothole concerns call: (832) 595-3301.



Uniform edges are cut with a pavement breaker.



Vibrating plate compacts the mix.



Perfect pothole patch: years of protection!



500 Scholarships!

TSTC is awarding 500 scholarships for up to \$1,000 for new students enrolling in fall 2016 classes. Classes start 8/29/16.

Open enrollment is underway for Texas State Technical College's (TSTC's) new Fort Bend Campus in Rosenberg with the announcement of the Texan Success Scholarship Program for new students enrolling for the fall of 2016. This unique program is to provide cost of attendance assistance to qualified students during their first two consecutive semesters of enrollment at TSTC. The total award will be up to \$1,000 per full-time student. There will be 500 scholarships awarded.

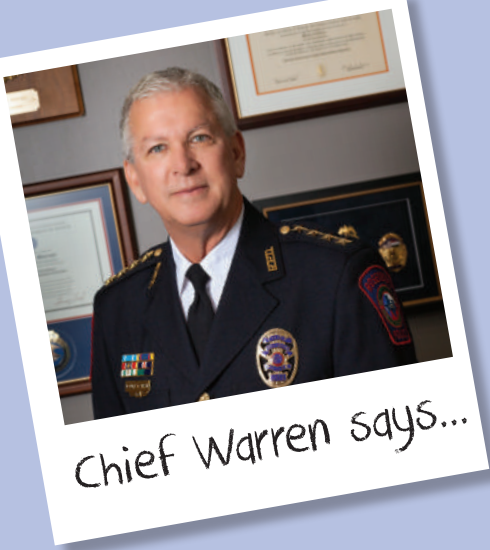
Applications for enrollment and for the scholarship are available at <https://apply.tstc.edu/>. The deadline for enrollment is August 22. Classes start August 29.

This is not a need-based scholarship and anyone may apply. For more information about the scholarship, or to recommend someone, contact Tara Zekavat at taraneh.zekavat@tstc.edu.

TSTC Vice Chancellor Randy Wooten said more than 250 applications have been received for the fall of 2016, and that some scholarships have already been awarded.

"This is very personal for me. The difference this community has made in embracing this is unlike anything I've seen," Wooten said. "I've got the best job in the state of Texas. We provide pathways to the American Dream. Providing avenues to the American Dream is our mission. How can you not wrap your arms around that?"





Chief Warren says...

You can Text 9-1-1

“Everyone knows you call 911 when you have an emergency, but not everyone knows that you can text as well. Dispatchers can receive short messages, and be sure to include your location. If you can call, you should, but if you’re in a situation where you can’t make a call, text 9-1-1.” ~Police Chief Dallis Warren.


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Hurricanes: Are you prepared?

Hurricane season whirled into town on June 1 and will last until November 30, 2016. This is the time of year that storms have the potential to produce devastating winds and rains that can quickly reach flood levels. What are you doing to prepare yourself, your family, and your home?

Start now by developing an evacuation plan and a place to reconnect with family members. The TxDOT website will help coastal residents determine the best evacuation route. Planning ahead is the best defense against unexpected disaster and a visit to www.txdot.gov can help. More weather ready tips are online at the National Weather Service website: www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/hurricane_preparedness.



**Make an
Emergency Kit**



**Trim all trees
and shrubs**



**Secure loose
objects outside**



**Stock up on
plenty of gas**

What's in Your Supply Kit?

- Bottled water (three day supply for each person)
- Food (three day supply of non-perishable foods)
- Can opener
- First-aid kit
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust mask
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to make shelter
- Battery-operated radio
- Batteries
- Flashlight
- Tools
- Signal flares
- Matches
- Cash




Celebrate July 4th

Family-style!

Monday, July 4 from
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Seabourne Creek Nature Park
3831 Highway 36 South, Rosenberg

Food! Fireworks! Music!





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Fire Captain Jason Johns surveys damage
Photo by: Steve Trevino, Director of Technology

Historic Memorial Day Floods Declared State of Disaster

May Flood Stats

- 175** Properties were issued a mandatory evacuation notice on May 28
- 90** Homes and four businesses were affected by flood waters
- 7** National news and weather affiliates featured Rosenberg
- 27** Community volunteers assisted in cleaning up City parks
- 27** Rescues were made in the boat by City emergency personnel
- 72k** People from all over the world viewed drone footage of the Brazos River flooding

On Saturday, May 28th, 2016, Mayor Cynthia A. McConathy signed a Declaration of Disaster for the City of Rosenberg. On May 29th, residents on the north side of the City were issued a mandatory evacuation in preparation for quickly rising waters. By May 30th, Memorial Day, the Brazos River was already reaching historic heights, and by June 2nd, the damage had been done.

The Brazos River crested at 54.74 feet on June 2nd, 2016, nearly four and a half feet higher than the previous record in 1994. 70 homes and two businesses were affected by flood waters that reached up to five and a half feet in some residences.

City employees dispatched in teams, the next weekend, to do preliminary evaluations and clear hazards from evacuated properties. They went by boat to each location to ensure that residents were able to safely return once evacuations were lifted.

Now, with portions of the City facing devastating loss, our community has come together in order to rebuild.

The president declared a State of Disaster for Fort Bend County on June 11th and FEMA opened an official Disaster Recovery Center at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Avenue D in north Rosenberg. The American Red Cross, parishioners of all denominations, friends, family, and neighbors have all come together

to help. The outpouring of support has been an extraordinary testament to what it means to be a community. But even with donations of time, money, and personal items pouring in, flood victims still face many challenges.

What do I do now?

1. Register with FEMA.

Visit www.DisasterAssistance.gov to register your property. You can also call toll free at (800) 621-FEMA. Be prepared with your:

- Social Security number
- Address
- Damage description
- Insurance information
- Phone number
- An address where you can receive mail
- Bank account/routing number for direct deposits
- ID and proof of occupancy
- Property deed or title

2. Contact the City to set up a damage inspection. **(832) 595-3500**. FEMA will be making inspections as well.

3. Decide whether you want to rebuild and contact the City permitting office for more information on required permits and building standards. **(832) 595-3500**.

For all other questions, contact the City of Rosenberg at (832) 595-3301.

Flooding in Photos

Left to Right and Top to Bottom: Debris placed for removal; Mayor McConathy aids in a boat rescue; homes are marked with an "X" to signify they have been inspected; volunteers with The Church help out at BF Terry High School; Logan Lycka, Julian Dominguez, Marleny Pineda, and Vincent Flores; Arial view of the flooded Brazos, via Twitter from @AstroTerry; American Red Cross trucks at First Baptist Church; cars underwater; Donations; Donations at BF Terry High School; Fire Fighter Corey Harrison and Fire Engineer Brian Carpenter; rescue a wayward pooch; water level at 6th St and Ave D; Donations at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church; Bottled water Donations at First Baptist Church

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It only takes a few minutes in a hot car for the temperature to rise enough to kill children and pets. Even if the windows are cracked, the heat inside vehicles can soar to over a hundred even if it is only 85 degrees outside. Rays from the sun are responsible for turning the inside of your car into an oven, **NOT** the outside temperature. **Don't risk it!**

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ALDI Update

Aldi's new Distribution Center and regional headquarters, located in Rosenberg off of US-90A, is a 650,000 square foot facility and they are opening their doors soon. This location is expected to bring over a hundred new jobs to Rosenberg and they are now hiring. Aldi

has experienced rapid expansion and has opened 650 new stores as part of a 5-year development plan. Rosenberg is home to their second Texas distribution center.

To learn more about working for Aldi, check them out online at aldiuscareers.com.

For consideration, please drop off applications and resumes Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Aldi Distribution Center: 777 Hwy 90A West, Rosenberg, TX 77471.



Chief Godkes says...

Fireworks are Illegal

There's nothing like a really good, professional fireworks display to celebrate the Fourth of July, but if you find yourself inspired to create your own pyrotechnic masterpiece, don't forget that fireworks are illegal within the City limits of Rosenberg.

Remember the 3 Ps:

You can't **purchase** them, you can't **possess** them, and you can't **pass** through town with them. That's right, you can't even drive through town with

them in your car! Fireworks can be very dangerous and cause bodily harm. They can also start fires, and let's face it, your neighbor's dog hates them. So, have a safe summer and stay fire safe!

Image Awards

June Landscaping:

Gudula Wright
1500 Georgina Street

June Renovation:

Ruben Coria
1217 Alamo Street

July Landscaping:

John Coley
3821 Marilyn Street

July Renovation:

Elias and Diane Zepeda
1500 4th Street

Elsa Matamoras
3101 Place Apartments
3101 Vista Drive

Harold D. Lewellyn
1027 Vera Cruz Drive





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Meet the 2016-2017 City Council Members
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Start Your Career by Starting Classes at TSTC's New Rosenberg Campus

"I worked at a small machine shop; no benefits. The hours were 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. There wasn't much room to grow," 2012 TSTC graduate, Joseph Casassa said. "When I first signed up for classes, it was to learn what I needed for work. I had no intention of going for a degree or a certificate. I just knew it meant I got to get out of the shop for a day a week!"

TSTC is about to open the doors of their new Fort Bend campus to serve the growing commercial and industry base in the area. The opportunity to increase earning potential and refine skills that place students in more satisfying careers is now available in Rosenberg. TSTC has been changing lives like Casassa's for over 50 years.

"I wasn't that big into high school," Casassa said. "I never thought I would want to go back to school— never thought of myself as someone who wanted to get a degree. But TSTC was a different world. When I got in there and started learning new things, I knew I wanted to be here. And I wanted to finish."

Casassa got his degree in mechanical engineering technology and a machining certification. TSTC has a reputation for being the leading educational institution for vocational skills. The Rosenberg campus will have seven programs including Industrial Maintenance Technology, Cyber Security, Telecommunications, Convergence Technology,

and Welding Technology. Students gain skills to make them invaluable in the workplace.

"I applied at Schlumberger before going to TSTC," Casassa's said. "They wouldn't even talk to me. Since getting my degree, I finally got the job and it has been life changing. I love my job now. I wouldn't change anything. If it wasn't for the teachers I had at TSTC, I wouldn't be where I am now."

TSTC offers smaller class sizes so that students get hands on attention.

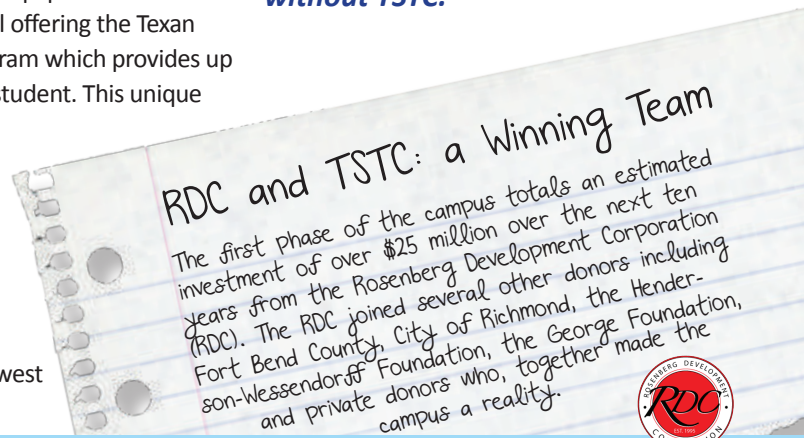
"The teachers really take the time to get to know everyone and their capabilities," Casassa said. "One of my teachers, Michael Barnes, was a major factor for me in deciding to get my degree."

Students interested in enrolling for the fall 2016 schedule have more than just a brand new campus and all new equipment to be excited about. TSTC is still offering the Texan Success Scholarship program which provides up to \$1,000 for a full-time student. This unique program is to provide cost of attendance assistance to qualified students during their first two consecutive semesters.

Classes start August 29, 2016 at 26706 Southwest Freeway in Rosenberg.



Joseph Casassa, TSTC graduate; now working at Schlumberger and considering going back for a bachelor's degree. "I would never have considered something like that without TSTC."



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Housing Development By the Numbers

Second Quarter, 2016:

Estimated Population: 37,476
Housing Starts: 177 / 341 YTD
City - 52% / ETJ - 48%
Lots Platted: 0 / 219 YTD

Meet Your 2016-2017 City Council



The Rosenberg City Council serves staggered two year terms of office. Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 are elected in even-numbered years, and Mayor, At-Large 1, and At-Large 2 in odd-numbered years. Representatives are limited to three consecutive terms of office by City Charter. Rosenberg's 2016-2017 City Council was sworn in on June 7th 2016.

Mayor Cynthia A. McConathy was elected in May 2015. She serves on the City's Finance/Audit Committee, and as the City's representative to the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and the Planning Commission. She also serves on the Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council Board of Directors, and the I-69 Alliance Board of Directors.

Councilor William T. "Bill" Benton was elected as Councilor At Large, Position 1 in June 2011, and was re-elected in May 2013 and May 2015.

Councilor Benton serves on the Rosenberg Image Committee.

Councilor Amanda J. Barta was elected as Councilor At Large, Position 2 in May 2015. Councilor Barta serves on the Rosenberg Development Corporation (RDC) and the Parks and Recreation Board. Barta served as Mayor Pro Tem in 2015.

Councilor Jimmie J. Peña was elected to the office of City Councilor, District 1 in May 2013. City Council elected him Mayor Pro Tem in June 2016.

Councilor Peña serves on the City's Employee Benefits Committee, the Professional Services/Engineering Project Review Committee, the Rosenberg Development Corporation (RDC), the Main Street Advisory Board, and as alternate representative to the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

Councilor Susan Euton was elected to the office of City Councilor, District 2 in May 2013. Councilor Euton serves on the City's Finance/Audit Committee, and on the Professional Services/Engineering Project Review Committee.

Councilor Alice Jozwiak was elected to the office of City Councilor, District 3 in May 2016. Councilor Jozwiak serves on the City's Employee Benefits Committee, the Finance/Audit Committee, and the Professional Service/Engineering Project Review Committee.

Councilor Lynn Moses was elected to the office of City Councilor, District 4, in May 2015.

Councilor Moses serves on the Rosenberg Development Corporation (RDC) and the City's Employee Benefits Committee.



Mayor Cynthia A. McConathy



Councilor Lynn Moses, District 4



William T. Benton, Councilor at Large



Amanda J. Barta, Councilor at Large



Councilor Jimmie J. Peña, District 1



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Sgt. Joe Rogers gets a hug of gratitude. Thanks for coming out to the commUNITY event on July 14 and supporting our officers.

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Committee Members Begin Terms; Departing Members Leave Legacy

By: Angelica Guzman

City of Rosenberg, Administrative Intern

The City of Rosenberg would like to thank our former committee members for all of their hard work and dedication. Thank you for striving to make our City a better place.

Ms. Joni D. Huff (*Animal Control Shelter Advisory Board*), **Ms. Linda Carroll** and **Mr. Rufus Guebara III** (*Image Committee and Rental Property Appeals Board*), **Ms. Lupe Uresti-Cabello**, **Ms. Juanita Velasquez** and **Ms. Janice Vyoral** (*Main Street Advisory Board*), **Ms. Melissa Dixon**, **Mr. Stanley Kucherka**, and **Ms. Lila Villagomez** (*Parks and Recreation Board*), **Ms. Charlotte Davis** (*Planning Commission*), and **Mr. Bill Knesek** (*Rosenberg Development Corporation*). We wish you all the best in the future!

We would also like to take the time to welcome our newly appointed members to the following committees and boards: *Animal Control Shelter Advisory Board*: **Dr. William Hester**, **Laura M. Knizner** and **Carolyn Seiler**, *Image Committee*: **Joyce Bartos**, **Jose Camacho Jr.**, **Marcus Morales**, **Richard Olson**, **Eric Ramirez**, **Lisa Woebse** and **Julia Worley**; *Main Street Advisory Board*: **Bob Alanis**, **Ernie Dixon**, and **Noel Valdes**; *Parks and Recreation Board*: **Teresa Bailey**, **Rudy Guerrero**, **Bertha Nell Kelm**, **Ray Kueck**, **Eric Ramirez**, **Julia Worley** and **George Zepeda**, *Planning Commission*: **William Bennett**, *Rental Property Appeals Board*: **Cowboy Bill**, **Mable Buford**, **Darlene Cortez**, **Christian Hawkins**, **Edward Kahlenberg**, **Scott Kirkham**, **Ben Pawlak**, **Lisa Wallingford** and **David Woods**, and *Rosenberg Development Corporation* **Teresa Bailey**, **Charles (Chuck) Budnik**, **Sean (Chris) Martin** and **Allen J. Scopel**.

Congratulations to all of you on your new journey with us. We hope you can gain as much knowledge as you give in your position. Thank you for choosing to join our team of volunteers!

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8/6/2016 8:00am	Special City Council Budget Workshop	Rosenberg City Hall
8/9/2016 6:00pm	City Council Meeting and workshop	Rosenberg City Hall
8/16/2016 7:00pm	City Council Meeting	Rosenberg City Hall
8/23/2016 6:00pm	City Council Meeting and Workshop	Rosenberg City Hall
8/27/2016 9:00am	City Council Meeting Budget Workshop	Rosenberg City Hall
9/5/2016	Labor Day	Holiday: Municipal offices closed
9/6/2016	Car Seat Inspections	Appointment only Call: (832) 595-3450





Rosenberg Insider

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National Night Out is October 4, 2016
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Every Smoke Alarm Has an Expiration Date What's Yours?

The Rosenberg Fire Department wants you to check your smoke alarm. If it's more than ten years old, it's time for a new one!

A recent survey conducted by the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) revealed that only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced. That is a concern for Rosenberg Fire Department because smoke alarms don't last forever.

"Time and again, I've seen the life-saving impact smoke alarms can have in a home fire, but I've also seen the tragedy that can

result when smoke alarms aren't working properly," says Fire Marshal Justin Jurek. "That's why we're making a concerted effort to educate our residents about the importance of smoke alarms, and that they do have a life limit."

As the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years, NFPA is promoting this year's campaign, "Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," to better educate the public about the critical importance of keeping a properly functioning smoke detector, and replacing them as needed.



This year, Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15, 2016 and the Rosenberg Fire Department is hosting an **Open House at Fire Station #3 at 6226 August Green Drive, on Saturday October 1, 2016** to kick off this year's campaign. The event will include a junior Firefighter Obstacle Course, Hands on Fire Extinguisher Training, Special Ops Display, Kids' Activities, a Fire Safety House, and of course, Sparky the Fire Dog!
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Let's Get Digital! Digital!

Coming this fall to a screen near you... www.rosenbergtx.gov will have a whole new look.

"The City is in desperate need of a new website," Communications Manager Jenny Pavlovich said. "We have a ton of great information Online, but it's way too hard to find. The new Rosenberg site will make it much easier for visitors to quickly get what they need."

The website is in the final stages of development from MorningStar Media Group and will be launching this fall. Cleanly organized and more interactive, the new site will be the first step in stream-lining content and moving toward digital video, live streaming, and more engaging content that is adaptable to your screen size and viewing device.

"I'm really excited," Pavlovich said. "It's going to make a huge difference for our citizens."

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Firefighter Chris Delmar

“What is National Night Out? It's a great time! National Night Out is a series of neighborhood block parties and local law enforcement gets to go out and meet the community. We have fun getting to interact with the kids and show off our equipment. People get to learn what we do and who we are. We're here for them so it is a great way for them to get a behind the scenes look at how we're here to help. I think my favorite part is showing the truck to the kids. They always get a kick out of that. This year, the City block party is on October 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Target parking lot at Brazos Town Center, but we go to neighborhoods throwing parties too.”

“The best part about National Night Out is the individual block parties that people put on. And I don't want to leave out the City block party in Brazos Town Center. We all go out to the Target parking lot. I love to see what booths are set up each year and it's fun to meet all the kids. The best part, though, is the opportunity to get out and talk to the people in the community one-on-one. With all the recent events around the country, NNO is a great place to experience that unity. Law Enforcement has been in the news for a lot of both negative and positive things lately. Oh, and I'm also pretty excited about the food. Hot dogs, burgers... and Councilor Billy Benton's chicken fried steak, man it's good!”



Lieutenant Cody Dailey



Councilor Billy Benton
Councilor Alice Jozwiak

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“**COUNCILOR BENTON:** I've been having block parties for National Night Out for years. We have between three and five hundred people come. It takes a lot of preparation and I have a very supportive wife, Barbie, who helps to make it happen.”

“**COUNCILOR JOZWIAK:** I'm the root beer float lady! The kids love floats and pizza. There's so much food; we have cake, watermelon, Chick-Fil-A, and ribs from Schultze's. I think people come for all the great food, but they always stick around because we have so much fun visiting.”

COUNCILOR BENTON: I invite everyone to come out to our block party and just have fun. See old friends and make some new ones. To me, National Night Out means fun—and it means friends! Come on out and meet the community.

Think you might be interested in hosting your own block party for National Night Out? Visit the City website at www.rosenbergtx.gov or call (832) 595-3301 to get registered or to find out if anyone is having a block party in your area.





Wa-T-er Your Rates?

Rates take effect October 1.
For more information visit:
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Revised Rates

Single Family Residence

Water Rates	
First 2,000 gal	\$10.28
2,000 - 10,000 gal	\$2.50/thousand
10,000 - 20,000 gal	\$2.70/thousand
20,000 - 50,000 gal	\$2.80/thousand
Over 50,000 gallons	\$2.90/thousand

Sewer Rates	
First 2,000 gal	\$15.00
2,000 - 12,000 gal	\$3.10/thousand

Commercial/Industrial/Multi-dwelling:		
gallons	Water	Sewer
First 2,000 - 3/4" meter	10.25	15.00
First 2,000 - 1" meter	30.85	30.00
First 2,000 - 1 1/2" meter	45.00	45.00
First 2,000 - 2" meter	55.00	55.00
First 2,000 - 3" meter	100.00	120.00
First 2,000 - 4" meter	200.00	195.00
First 2,000 - 6" meter	300.00	375.00
First 2,000 - 8" meter	450.00	600.00
2,000 - 10,000 gal	\$2.50/ thousand	3.10/ thousand
10,000 - 20,000 gal	\$2.70/ thousand	3.10/ thousand
20,000 - 50,000 gal	\$2.80/ thousand	3.10/ thousand
Over 50,000 gal	\$2.90/ thousand	3.10/ thousand



Garcia Park Gets a Place to Go!

Macario Garcia Park at 716 Blume Road is one of Rosenberg’s most used neighborhood parks, and earlier this month new restroom facilities were opened to the public.

“The restroom replacement at Macario Garcia Park was the number one item remaining in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the number one priority of the Parks Board to accomplish,” said Parks and recreation Director Darren McCarthy. “The new restroom will serve a heavily used neighborhood park and its replacement would not have been possible without funding assistance from the Rosenberg Development Corporation.”

The new restrooms are the latest of several key improvements to Macario Garcia. In 2008, the park received a walking path, four benches, a bike rack, two grills, a water fountain, soccer/football goals and nets, playground safety surfacing and fencing along the northern border.

In 2006, the Texas Historical Commission recognized the namesake of the park, Macario Garcia, a Medal of Honor recipient, as an important and educational part of Rosenberg’s history and awarded an Official Texas Historical Marker honoring Garcia. The marker was officially dedicated on November 27 of that year.

...Smoke Alarms *Continued from Cover...*

“To find out how old your smoke alarm is, and its expiration date, just look on the back of the alarm! That’s where the date of manufacture is marked. Your smoke alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date (not the date of purchase). Speaking for the Rosenberg Fire Department, we want you to test your smoke alarms monthly. And replace your batteries once a year or when they begin to chirp, signaling that they’re running low.

The Fire Department Open House is a great place to learn more about fire safety and how to check your smoke alarm. I want to see everyone come out to Fire Station #3 on October 1st so you can become experts on fire safety. There will be an obstacle course to test your skills and a smoke house trailer to practice your stop-drop-and roll technique. Even Sparky the Fire dog will be there! ”



Firefighter Harrison says...

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Don't miss all the great fall festivals in October!
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Creepin' It Real Safety First this Halloween

Kids are most likely to be trick-or-treating between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Halloween. It's a good idea to anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic, so drivers should take extra time at intersections and watch closely for kids crossing the street.

Speaking of crossing the street, never forget to look left, right, and then left again to make sure no one is coming before you cross. Walk, but don't run. It's easier to fall

if you're wearing a costume!

Whenever possible, be sure to stay on the sidewalk and not in the street.

If you're hunting for candy *and* pokemon this Halloween, be sure to be aware of your surroundings and not just what's on the screen. Put electronic devices away before you cross the street and be sure you know what people are around you.

Check out our safety tips below and have a safe, fun Halloween.



It's Time for BOO-Berg!

BOO-Berg, the City of Rosenberg's annual Halloween carnival, will be held **Saturday, October 29, 2016** at Seabourne Creek Nature Park, 3831 Highway 36 South. The festivities will go from 10:00 a.m. until noon offering the chance for kids aged 10 and under to come out, in costume, and enjoy the nature park. The event is put on by the City's Parks and Recreation Department

and with the generous help of volunteers from the Rosenberg Fire Department, Lamar, Terry, and Kempner High School, Holy Rosary Catholic Schools, local Girl Scout Troops, the Rosenberg Railroad Museum, Whataburger, the Rosenberg National Little League, and the Coastal Prairie Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists.

Parking will be available in the Rosenberg Civic Center parking lot. The Civic Center will not be open to the public as part of the event.

For more information regarding BOO-berg, contact the Recreation Programs Coordinator, at (832) 595-3520.



Safety Checklist:

- Carry a glow stick or flashlight so you can be seen by cars
- Stay in well-lit areas
- Whenever possible use makeup or facepaint instead of a mask that could obstruct vision
- Make sure your costume fits well to avoid trips and falls
- Wait for an adult to check your candy to make sure your treats don't have any tricks

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It's Time For *Fall Festivals!*



Prairie Heritage Festival 2016

Horse-Drawn Wagon Tours
Face Painting
Alligators, turtles, and snakes
Food and drinks
Performers
Nature Tours
Kids' Crafts
Live Owls and Birds
Butterflies and beekeeping
Exhibits



Prairie Heritage Festival is a fun, educational, and family-oriented outdoor event that promotes an understanding of what this region of Texas looked like before settlers came. This year, the festival will be on **Saturday, November 5 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** Nature tours, horse-drawn wagon rides, live animals, performers, and kids' crafts are just some of the offerings for all age levels. The prairie and other ecosystems, featuring animals and plants, can be experienced by participating in

hands-on and how-to activities that are entertaining, kid-centric, engaging, and informative. This is a time when many migratory birds, butterflies, and waterfowl can be viewed in the park. Participants can also learn what they can do to preserve, restore and recreate native habitats.

The Texas Master Naturalists program is sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. For additional information call 281.633.7033.

Autumn Arts Festival 2016

The Rosenberg Autumn Arts Festival will take place on **Saturday, October 29th from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. The event will include a street fair with vendor booths and food trucks, an art show of the Art League by Fort Bend and two additional fine art exhibits. It will also include a play by Cast Theatrical Company, the 'Bark in the Park' dog festival, and much more. The event will be staged throughout downtown Rosenberg, centering around the intersection of 3rd Street and Avenue G.

Bark in the Park

The 'Bark in the Park' dog festival will take place on **Saturday, October 29th from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. The event will be part of the Rosenberg Autumn Arts Festival and it will include a dog parade, a dog costume contest, dog art projects, and much more. Bark in the Park will be staged at the west end of the downtown festival grounds in the 1900 block of Avenue G.



Rosenberg Insider Goes National

On September 8, 2016, the Rosenberg Insider (yes, this very newsletter you're reading right now!) won second place for graphic design in government publications at the City-County Communications and Marketing Association's annual Savvy Competition.

The competition received over 700 entries from all over the country and included both City and County entities.

Rosenberg's newsletter is designed, written, and put together in-house by Communications Manager, Jenny Pavlovich and City staff. For questions or comments regarding the newsletter, email communications@rosenbergtx.gov.



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Say "Hello" to New Sidewalks!

In an effort to improve public safety and pedestrian mobility, the City of Rosenberg is currently building new sidewalks in various areas of the city.

The Rosenberg Development Corporation (RDC) funded \$200,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 to construct sidewalks on 8th Street connecting Avenues M and N, on Damon Street connecting Avenues K and N, and on Avenue N connecting Damon Street and Radio Lane.

Public Works has now completed the Damon Street segment and is currently working on Avenue N.

The sidewalk construction will continue next year. The RDC has funded \$250,000 in

fiscal year 2016-17 to design and construct new sidewalks on Radio Lane between Avenues N and I, Town Center Boulevard between Radio Lane and Reading Road and on Reading Road between Town Center Boulevard to Avenue I.

The RDC is a Type-B economic development corporation funded by a one-half cent sales tax. State law authorizes the RDC to engage in targeted infrastructure and improvement projects. The RDC is comprised of a seven-director board. Four of the members, including all officers, are citizens appointed by the Rosenberg City Council, and the remaining three members are City Councilors.

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| 10/04/2016 | National Night Out | Target Parking Lot at Brazos Town Center |
| 10/18/2016 | Regular City Council Meeting | 7:00 p.m. at Rosenberg City Hall |
| 10/25/2016 | City Council Workshop | 6:00 p.m. at Rosenberg City Hall |
| 10/29/2016 | BOO-Berg | Seabourne Creek Nature Park |
| 10/29/2016 | Autumn Arts Festival (including Bark in the Park) | Downtown Rosenberg (various locations) |
| 10/31/2016 | Halloween | Happy Halloween, Rosenberg! |
| 11/5/2016 | Prairie Heritage Festival | Seabourne Creek Nature Park |



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Finance Department wins award
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Santa Claus **is Coming to Town** *for Rosenberg Christmas Nights*

Special thanks to our Premier Sponsor,
Finnegan Auto Group.

Rosenberg Christmas Nights (RCN) is back and taking place on the first weekend in December.

Each year, Rosenberg citizens head out to Historic Downtown for a night of shopping, dining, and holiday activities. There truly is something for everyone as old favorites join the lineup along with a few new stops along the itinerary.

This year's RCN will feature two trackless trains in order to keep up with demand! There will be a teddy bear parade, Get the Grinch paint-ball station, children's theater performances, and more.

Choirs from Terry, Lamar Consolidated, Foster, and Needville High Schools will perform as well as the Second Street Brass. CAST Theatrical will deliver a one-act holiday production following the annual Dinner Under the Stars which is provided by Ol' Railroad Cafe, Bob's Taco Station, Ole Main Street Bakery, and Another Time Soda Fountain.

For tickets to Dinner Under the Stars, taking place on Friday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m., call the Rosenberg Civic Center at (832) 595-3520. Tickets are \$55/person.

Rosenberg Christmas Nights is an event not to be missed. Have a safe and Happy Holiday, Rosenberg!



Schedule of *Events*

Friday, December 2nd

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

5:00 - 8:00 — Shopping and dining through Historic Downtown Rosenberg

5:30 - 6:00 — Terry High School Choir

6:00 — City of Rosenberg Christmas Tree Lighting in 3rd Street Park. Enjoy holiday music provided by the Second Street Brass

6:30 - 7:00 — Lamar Consolidated Choir

6:30 — Dinner Under the Stars provided by Ol' Railroad Cafe, Bob's Taco Station, Ole Main Street Bakery, and Another Time Soda Fountain; followed by a one-act holiday production from CAST

Saturday, December 3rd

3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

3:00 - 9:00 — Shopping and dining through Historic Downtown Rosenberg

4:00 — Foster High School Varsity Chorale

4:30 — Foster High School Advanced Women's Choir

5:00 — Teddy Bear Parade

6:00 — Needville Choir

6:00 — Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus

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Where's the Fire? Hopefully, Not Your Kitchen

The average number of cooking fires on Thanksgiving is **triple** that of a normal day. The Rosenberg Fire Department has some tips for staying safe this holiday season and is spreading the word about fire safety.

This year, as you gather around the table with family and friends make sure you remember to "stand by your pan" when cooking. Don't ever leave food grease, or cooking oils on the stove unattended. Always keep an oven mitt and a lid handy. In case of a small fire/grease fire, slide the lid over the pan. Then, turn off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cool. Do not use water to extinguish an oil/grease fire. Water will only make the fire spread. Also, never try to pick the pan up and carry it anywhere. The flames could spread fast and burn you. The holidays are full of excitement, but the best way to enjoy them is by staying safe. Another idea is to have a "kids free zone" at least three feet around the stove. Never hold a child while you are cooking or carrying hot liquids.

"One of the best tips I can give when it comes to holiday cooking, is to face pot handles toward the back of the stove," Fire Chief Wade Goates said. "It's simple, but when you've got a million things going on, you don't always think about it. By keeping the handles facing backward, no one can accidentally knock a pan over, get scalded, or worse, start a fire."

You can never go over your fire-safety strategy too many times with your loved ones. Make sure everyone in your house knows where to meet if a fire should occur, as well as the basics such as testing door handles for heat, and stop-drop-and roll. Lastly, make sure everyone knows to call 9-1-1 in the event of a fire. On behalf of the Rosenberg Fire Department, Happy Thanksgiving!

Frying a Turkey?

Take these five precautions

1. **Cooking oil.** Even a small amount on a hot burner can cause a large fire.
2. **An over-filled pot.** When the turkey is submerged, oil can spill out and a frozen turkey will cause oil to splatter when added to the pot.
3. **Fryers tip over easily.** Make sure to stay aware of your fryer and put it on a safe surface.

4. **Deep fryers can overheat oil to the point of causing a fire.** Watch those temperatures!
5. **Always wear oven mitts or gloves because the sides, handles, and even the lid will be extremely hot!**



Who is the RDC?

The Rosenberg Development Corporation (RDC) was created by election in 1995. It is a Type-B economic development corporation funded by a one-half cent sales tax. State law authorizes the RDC to engage in projects related to primary job creation. Primary jobs are jobs that infuse new dollars into the local economy by creating or selling a product or service that is ultimately exported to regional, state, national, or international markets. The RDC is comprised of a seven-director board. Four of the members, including all officers, are appointed by the Rosenberg City Council, and the remaining three members are City Councilors.

The RDC has many current projects that continue the City's positive trend of economic growth.

In 2013, the RDC recruited ALDI, Inc. to build their headquarters and distribution center in Rosenberg. ALDI is investing more than \$60 million into the local economy and creating over a hundred jobs. ALDI will be hiring warehouse staff in the summer of 2016.

The RDC recently committed \$2.5 million over the course of ten years to facilitate construction of a 5,000 student Texas State Technical College campus in Rosenberg, a project that will strengthen the local workforce significantly.

Near the intersection of I-69 and FM 2218, the first deed-restricted business park is already under construction in partnership with Fuller Realty and the City of Rosenberg.

The RDC is also currently working with Paragon Outlets to bring a destination outlet mall to Rosenberg at the intersection of I-69 and Reading Road. The 300,000 square foot outlet mall is scheduled to open in 2018.

To learn more about the RDC, visit:
<http://www.rosenbergtx.gov>



Municipal Court Week Nov. 7-11

Mayor Cynthia A. McConathy proclaimed the week of November 7-11, 2016, as Municipal Court Week in recognition of the importance of their services.

"The [proclamation] recognizes the important work of municipal courts and the people who work [there]. It embraces the principles of judicial independence," Texas Municipal Courts Education Center (TMCEC) said. "It succinctly states the proper relationship between City Council and the Municipal Court."

TMCEC encouraged all Texas cities to participate in recognizing the work of municipal courts.

"The work that the Municipal Court staff must perform daily can be difficult at times and we appreciate all they do," McConathy said.



Welcome Municipal Court Judge, Kelly Crow

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Transparency Stars

Recognizing Local Transparency Achievements

Finance Department Awarded Star

The Texas Comptroller's office recognizes local government entities that provide easily accessible online information about important financial data in order to be transparent. Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that Rosenberg won a star in the area of Traditional Finances in recognition of outstanding efforts to make spending and revenue information available to the public.

"By providing meaningful financial data in addition to visual tools and analysis of its revenues and expenditures, Rosenberg has shown a true commitment to Texas taxpayers. This effort achieves the goals set by my office's Transparency Stars program," Hegar said. "I am pleased to award Rosenberg a star for its accomplishments."

This is the third year that the City has received the highest form of recognition for transparency. The government agencies who are awarded these stars open their books, not only to traditional finances, but to several other areas such as contracts and procurement, economic development, public pensions, and debt obligations.

"The transparency star is a big deal because we strive to be very open with our citizens and provide them with easy access to financial information for the City," Finance Manager Luis Garza said. "We post our financial documents, summaries, visualizations, and downloadable data online so citizens can access it easily without having to wait for public information requests."

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Visit www.cityofrosenberg.com to confirm meetings and events, as well as public notices and meeting agendas.

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| 11/01/2016 | Regular City Council Meeting | 7:00 p.m. at Rosenberg City Hall |
| 11/07/2016 | New City of Rosenberg website launch | Check it out at: www.rosenbergtx.gov |
| 11/15/2016 | Regular City Council Meeting | 7:00 p.m. at Rosenberg City Hall |
| 11/24/2016 | Thanksgiving | City offices closed |
| 11/25/2016 | Day After Thanksgiving | City offices closed |
| 12/02/2016 | Rosenberg Christmas Nights | 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Downtown |
| 12/03/2016 | Rosenberg Christmas Nights | 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Downtown |